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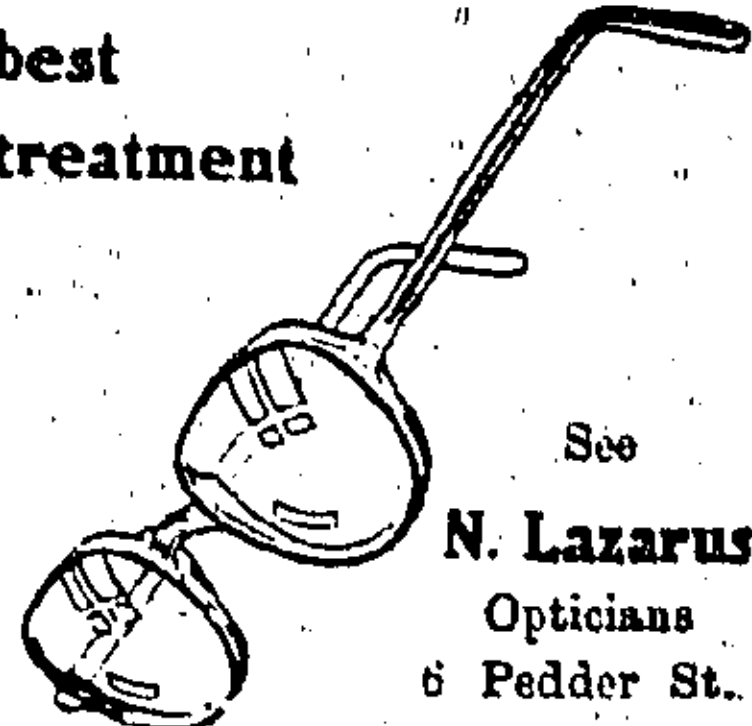
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Japanese Fire On British Flagship

Japanese Air Attacks On British Ships

Shanghai, Dec. 12. The concentration of British shipping a couple of miles up river, from Nanking, including H.M.S. Scarab and H.M.S. Cricket, were subjected to three separate Japanese air attacks between 1.30 and 3 p.m. this afternoon. There were no casualties; therefore, it is believed there were no hits.

H.M.S. Scarab and H.M.S. Cricket returned fire with anti-aircraft armament comprising machine-guns and pom-poms.

The Admiralty, Foreign Office and Admiral Sir Charles Little, Commander-in-Chief of the China Station, who is en route to Hong Kong from Shanghai on H.M.S. Falmouth, were informed of the attacks and representations were made to the local Japanese military and naval authorities. The ships involved in the attacks went up river from Nanking when the Japanese began attacking the Chinese capital.—*Reuter.*

"OUR POOR" DAY

Street Sale Of Roses To-Day

Roses will be sold in the streets to-day in aid of the poor of Hong Kong who are benefited by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Many voluntary sellers will be on the streets on both sides of the harbour and the organisers of the collection hope that the proceeds will be sufficient to enable them to continue their benefactions to the poor on the same scale as before.

The distress this year, on account of the rise in prices, has become much more acute than in previous years, but on account of the many additional calls on the generosity of the public, it is very hard to get adequate funds with which to meet it.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is very grateful to the public who gave such hearty support to the Bazaar, which it held last month, and it hopes for a similar response on this occasion. This is the only public appeal on the streets made by the Society during the year.

The roses are all of local manufacture and, as the Society has no paid helpers, everything that is collected goes to the needy persons of the Colony on whose behalf it is begged.

GOLF TITLE FINALISTS

O. E. C. Marton and D. S. Edward will meet in the final of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club as a result of yesterday's play at Fanling.

In the semi-finals Marton beat A. E. Lissaman 2 and 1 while Edward defeated D. S. Robb 2 and 1.

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HEAVY BOMBING NEAR BRITISH BORDER

Further Japanese Attack On K.-C.R. Line

COACHES BLOWN TO BITS

Canton, Dec. 12. Twenty-six Japanese naval planes again subjected the Canton-Kowloon Railway and Canton-Hankow Railway to heavy bombing this morning in revenge for the loss of the bomber and damage to another one yesterday morning.

Over thirty bombs were dropped on the Canton-Kowloon Railway in the vicinity of Pingwu, 10 miles from the New Territories, and over twenty bombs were dropped on Laitung station on the Canton-Hankow Railway. Telephone and telegraph wire along both railways were badly damaged.

Taking off from a seaplane carrier off Tongkwan, the machines were reported to have fired their machine-guns on many villages and towns they passed before reaching the railways. The casualties by the strafing of the Japanese are not yet known.

The first alarm was sounded here at 8 a.m. to-day, followed by an urgent one at 8.25 a.m. The "all clear" signal was given out at 12.35 p.m., only to be followed by another alarm ten minutes later. Four planes were seen over Chungshan district on a reconnaissance flight.

Two third class coaches of the Canton-Kowloon Railway at Wutung, 15 miles east of Canton, were blown to pieces yesterday.

Afternoon when two bombs were dropped on it. Before releasing the bombs, the two Japanese planes strafed the train, dotting it with many holes.

Fortunately there were no casualties, as the passengers left the train to take cover elsewhere. The slow train left here for Kowloon. Various parts of the railway were destroyed by the bombing yesterday.—*International News Agency.*

A Central News report adds that at 8 a.m. two planes flew to Sheklung and Cheungmuktau stations and dropped several bombs. Cheungmuktau was subjected to another bombing at 1.03 p.m. when planes dropped six bombs, doing damage to rails.

New Japanese Air Line To Pacific Islands

Shanghai, Dec. 12. More than mere commercial significance is attributed by observers to Japan's projected air line to her mandated islands in the South Pacific, according to a dispatch from Tokyo. The Communications Ministry has announced that this long-planned commercial airline will come into existence this month.

It will start with airmail service, and will begin carrying passengers early next year.—*International News Agency.*



H.R.H. the Duchess of Kent to-day celebrates her 31st birthday. Her Royal Highness, formerly Princess Marina, married the Duke of Kent in November, 1934. They have two children, Prince Edward, and Princess Alexandra who will be one year old on Christmas Day.

JAPANESE REPORTER SUCCUMBS

DEATH ROLL NOW TOTALS SIX

Shanghai, Dec. 12: Wounded on October 22 while covering the battle on Jukong Road in Hongkew, Kenjiro Ashizawa, a Japanese journalist, succumbed, to his injuries this morning bringing the death roll of Japanese newspapermen since the start of hostilities in the Shanghai area to six.

Meanwhile, another Japanese reporter, Shoshun Oho, of the local office of the Tokyo "Asahi Shimbun" injured his eyes and face on Saturday afternoon when his motor car set off a land mine carefully planted in the road about 200 kilometres south-west of Nanking. Oho is expected to recover.—*Reuter.*

China would soon be placed on a solid foundation with the creation of "a powerful financial control organ".—*Reuter.*

H.M.S. BEE ATTACKED ON ARRIVING AT WUHU

DIRECT HITS ON LADYBIRD: NAVAL RATING KILLED

B. And S. Tug, With British Consul Aboard, Fired On

JARDINE STEAMER INVOLVED

HANKOW, DECEMBER 12: JAPANESE FIELD BATTERIES AND MACHINE-GUNS FIRED ON H.M.S. LADYBIRD, H.M.S. BEE AND THE JARDINE, MATHESON'S STEAMER SUIWO AT WUHU AT 8.15 A.M. THIS MORNING.

FOUR DIRECT HITS WERE MADE ON THE LADYBIRD AS A RESULT OF WHICH ONE RATING WAS KILLED AND ANOTHER SERIOUSLY WOUNDED, WHILE FLAG CAPTAIN G. E. M. O'DONNELL WAS ALSO WOUNDED.

THE BUTTERFIELD AND SWIRE'S TUG TSINGTAH, CARRYING MR. H. J. PRIDEAUX-BRUNE, O.B.E., BRITISH CONSUL AT NANKING, AND LIEUT.-COL. W. A. LOVAT-FRASER, O.B.E., BRITISH MILITARY ATTACHE, UP RIVER WAS ALSO FIRED ON BUT NO DETAILS ARE YET AVAILABLE.

It will be recalled that Lieut.-Col. Lovat-Fraser had a narrow escape from injury or death when Japanese planes machine-gunned cars in which the British Ambassador to China, Sir Hugh Knatchbull-Hugessen, Col. Lovat-Fraser, and Mr. E. L. Hall Patch, the Ambassador's Financial Adviser, were travelling from Nanking to Shanghai. The British Ambassador was seriously injured and it was only on Saturday that Sir Hugh sailed for England to complete his convalescence before returning to China in the summer.

Meanwhile, the United States gunboat Panay, America's floating Embassy at Nanking, has gone further up river and is now 28 miles from Nanking.

Only fourteen Americans and one Briton, Mr. L. O. Smith, *Reuter's* correspondent, are at present in Nanking.

It will also be recalled that on Sunday, December 5, Lieut.-Commander H. D. Barlow, R.N., of H.M.S. Ladybird was slightly injured by a splinter in the buttock in the Japanese bombing of Wuhu when a direct hit was made on the Jardine steamer Tuckwo. The Butterfield and Swire s.s. Tatung was also hit.—*Reuter.*

Hankow, Dec. 12: The Jardine steamer Suiwo was seen to suffer a direct hit during the Japanese attack on British shipping at Wuhu to-day. H.M.S. Ladybird which was anchored off the Asiatic Petroleum Company's Installation got underway and was fired at until she was out of range. H.M.S. Bee, which was also fired on was just arriving at Wuhu from up river. She is the flagship of the Yangtze Fleet.—*Reuter.*

"NO LONGER RECOGNISE NANKING"

Shanghai, Dec. 12: According to Japanese reports the Peace Maintenance Commission at Tientsin has announced in a circular telegram to similar Commissions in Central and North China that it could "no longer recognise Nanking".—*Reuter.*

AMBASSADOR LEAVES

H.E. Sir Hugh Knatchbull-Hugessen, British Ambassador to China, who was shot near the spine by Japanese airmen on August 26 and who had been convalescing in Java and Hong Kong, left the Colony for England by the P. & O. Rajputana on Saturday.

He was accompanied by Lady Knatchbull-Hugessen and their two daughters, Elisabeth and Alethea.

Sir Hugh is continuing his convalescence, and is expected to return to China next summer.

Japanese Attempts Fail To Dislodge Chinese From Strategic Points

INTENSITY OF NANKING FIGHTING ECLIPSES BLOODIEST BATTLES ON SHANGHAI FRONT

Nanking, Dec. 12: Chinese forces defending Nanking held most of their ground to-day despite severe punishment administered mainly by relays of aeroplanes and batteries firing from the Purple Mountain which overlooks the city. In the face of machine-gun and trench mortar fire from the Chinese, Japanese troops tried to consolidate their foothold inside the Kwanghua Gate and also their advance on the Chungshan Gate. According to a Japanese report, Japanese troops captured the Chungshan Gate in the southern wall of the city. All Japanese attempts have so far failed to dislodge the Chinese from a number of strategic points around the city. Japanese tanks and other mechanised units are playing an active part in the Japanese onslaught but the intensity of the Chinese resistance is making the advance most difficult as well as expensive.

In keeping the Japanese at bay the Chinese are suffering heavy losses and according to some reports the fighting is of an intensity eclipsing even the bloodiest battles on the Shanghai front.

General Tang Sheng-chi is reported to be supervising the operations of the Chinese forces from a tank which can be seen rumbling through the streets of Nanking all day long. General Tang Sheng-chi has gone practically sleepless since the siege began. At dawn to-day Japanese batteries subjected Nanking to an intensive bombardment and then at 9 a.m. aeroplanes joined in the attack concentrating mainly on the Chinese defences along the inner fringe of the city's towering walls. The Japanese Command which wants to cut losses as far as possible has ordered men to keep under cover as much as possible until the elaborate defence works of the city are reduced by land and air attacks. Meanwhile, the greater part of the Japanese force which captured

Wuhu is said to be heading for Nanking.—*Reuter.*

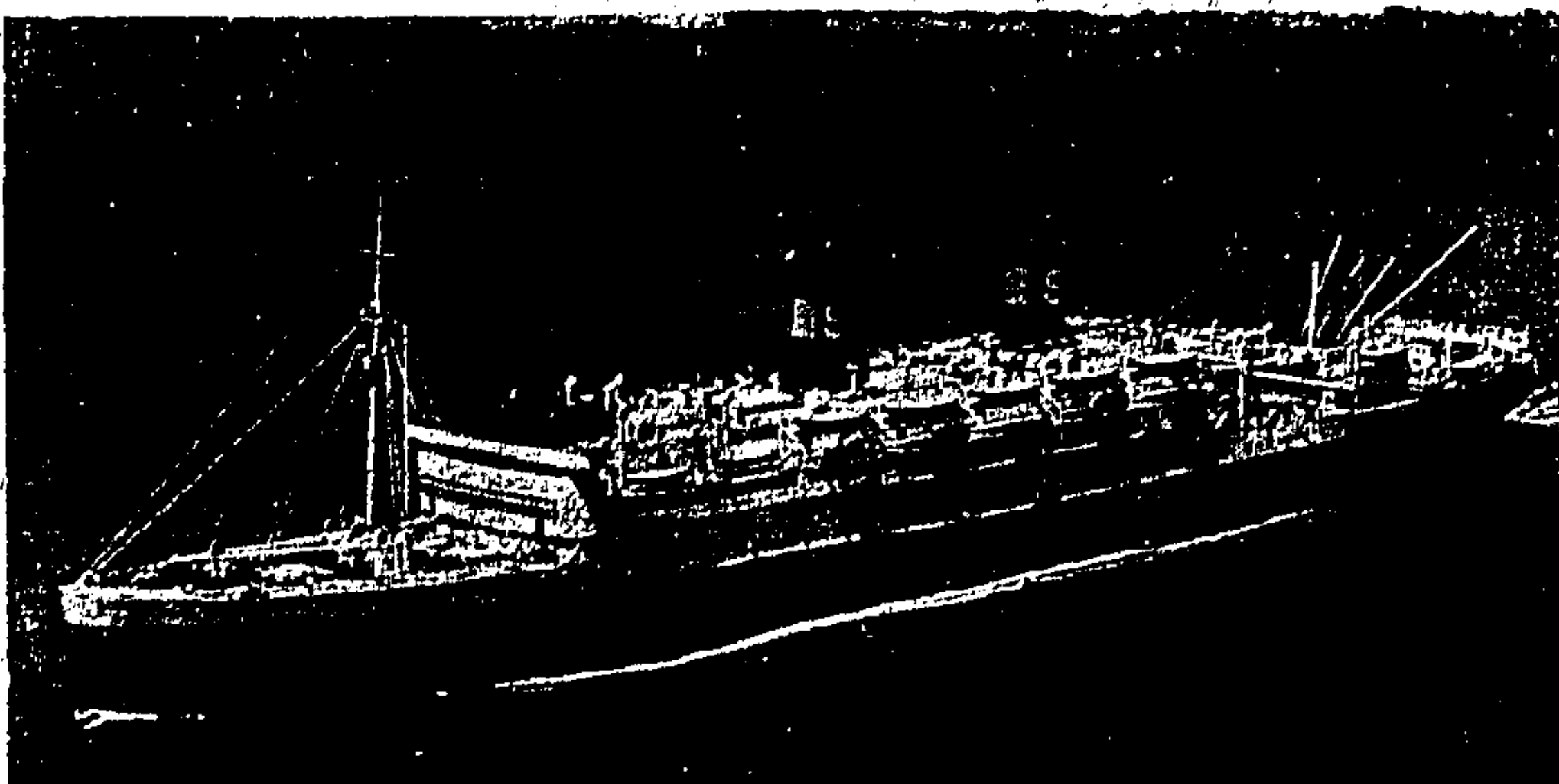
"BLOODY STRUGGLE"

Tokyo, Dec. 12: "A bloody struggle" is what the "Asahi Shimbun" correspondent describes the unparalleled ferocity of the battle around Nanking. With very severe fighting going on the Japanese are endeavouring to increase their 100 metre footing inside the south-east gate also to capture strong Tochiwa positions in the vicinity of the Sun Yat-sen Mausoleum on the Purple Mountain.

Failure of press reports or claims of progress indicates the intensity of the struggle.

A "Domel" correspondent at the south-east gate wires that Japanese squadrons intensively bombed the walls, city gates and interior positions from the air at 9 a.m. for an hour in an endeavour to break down the Chinese defence.

Meanwhile, Tokyo and other cities are celebrating the Japanese success in effecting an entry.—*Reuter.*



Picture of the Dollar liner, President Hoover, which is hard aground on a small island off Formosa. Passengers and crew have been safely landed on Hoishote Island, according to the latest messages.

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London Silver Market

(From Our Own Correspondent).

London, Dec. 11.

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Manila, Dec. 11.
Information has been received that the Dollar Line's President Hoover, with 650 passengers aboard, has grounded on a small island south of Formosa.

Reuter

SALVAGE WORK

The mishap occurred sometime after midnight yesterday, the first message being received in Hong Kong at 12.22 a.m. This stated that the vessel was in no immediate danger, although it was realised then that assistance would be required if the vessel were to get off.

Several ships including the Prussien and the Empress of Asia answered the call for aid, and the Prussien stood by the Hoover for several hours. The Empress of Asia, after speeding towards Holsho-To Island for several hours, is thought to have been informed of the safe landing of the passengers early yesterday afternoon and to have resumed her voyage to Kobe from Hong Kong.

A salvage tug, carrying workmen and divers, left the Colony for Formosa, on Saturday night. Mr. T. B. Wilson, Hong Kong manager of the Dollar Line, also left at midnight, last night, and is expected in Formosa on Tuesday.

The President McKinley is now proceeding to the rescue of the passengers. She has on board a large number of workmen to assist in the jettisoning of the Hoover's cargo should it be found necessary.

DISTRESS CALLS 'REPLIED

Tokyo, Dec. 11.

A 10,000-ton Japanese cruiser cruising near Formosa replied to the Hoover's distress calls.

The cruiser, whose name is not revealed, has reached the stranded vessel and had taken off 200 passengers to Hiyake Island, in Formosa, where they are being cared for by the crew. — Reuter.

NAVAL AID

Manila, Dec. 11.

All the passengers on the President Hoover have been safely landed on Holshoto Island according to a message received by the Dollar Line office from Captain Yardley.

Two United States destroyers left the Philippines this morning for the scene, while the U.S.S. Canopus is expected to proceed shortly from Manila. — Reuter.

CHEATED MAN

Telling a young unemployed Chinese that there was a place open for him in the Royal Naval Dockyard, Cheung Ping-fong, 27, collected \$4 from him to "pay for his uniform," early this month, and went off to settle matters.

The would-be Dockyard employee, Tam Ki-shin, did not see Cheung again until Thursday, when the latter admitted that he had hoaxed Tam.

Appearing before Mr. K. Keen at the Kowloon Magistracy on Saturday, Cheung admitted two previous convictions for the same offence, and was fined \$50 or two months' hard labour.

OPIUM DIVAN KEEPER
FINED

Yeung Hop, 35, and Chan Sul, 19, both unemployed, appeared at the Central Magistracy on Saturday following a raid by the police on No. 22 Wing Lok Street, first floor, and were charged before Mr. R. Edwards with possession of prepared opium and keeping an opium divan.

Yeung was fined \$200 or two months' imprisonment, on the first charge, and on the second count was fined \$150 or one month's imprisonment. The second defendant was discharged.

EVADED BUS FARES

Moi Wing-kong, 17, student, was charged before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy on Saturday with evading payment of his fare on a bus on Friday afternoon. He was asked by the conductor for his fare, but Moi replied that he was a monthly-ticket holder. When asked to produce the ticket, he could not do so. He was fined \$25.

Falling to appear before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy on Saturday on a charge of travelling on a China Motor bus on Friday without paying his fare, Yu Hang, 29, salesman, of No. 4, Peking Road, first floor, had his bail of \$25 estimated.



French Air Minister Pierre Cot claims France has faster planes than Britain or Germany.

FRENCH AIR
ESTIMATESBIG INCREASE:
SEVERE CRITICISM

Paris, December 12.

The 1938 Air estimates approximating £10,000,000 passed the Chamber by 523 votes to 1. This represents an increase of £5,500,000 as compared with 1937.

The debate was marked by severe criticism of the French air force, the critics urging higher expenditure and faster production, declared that foreign bombers and pursuit planes were sixty miles an hour faster than the French machines.

The Air Minister, M. Pierre Cot, replied that France had bombers and pursuers capable of 300 m.p.h. which were faster than any British or German planes. He pointed out that the British Air Ministry had disposed of sums three times higher than the French. The Deputy alleged that between July 1936 and August 1937, France had sent 540 aeroplanes to Spain while Russia had sent 437 and Holland 110. — Reuter.

Colony's Importance
StressedFormer 'Daily Press' Editor
Quoted On Defence Of
Last 'Open Door'

London, Dec. 10.
The periodical, "Great Britain and the East," features an article by a former Far Eastern journalist, Mr. R. T. Barrett, which draws attention to the vital importance of Hong Kong as the "solitary remaining bar to Japanese domination in the Far East now that the Customs in Shanghai are in the Japanese grip."

"So long as Hong Kong remains a great centre of Anglo-Chinese culture, a trade depot and a financial and British naval base, Japan can never feel she is able to do exactly what she likes with China," observes the author.

The writer urges that Hong Kong must be made safe against aggression, especially against aircraft from Formosa. The keystone of British policy now and in the future must be proper defence of the integrity of Hong Kong as the last "open door" into China.

Reuter

Mr. R. T. Barrett, the writer of this article, will be well remembered in Hong Kong, his last post here being that of Night Editor of the "South China Morning Post." Formerly he was editor of "The Hong Kong Daily Press."

Two Admirals Leaving
ShanghaiSir Charles Little On Way
To Colony

Shanghai, Dec. 11.

Shanghai is losing two Admirals within three days, for Admiral Sir Charles Little sailed for the south this morning aboard H.M.S. Falkmouth, while Admiral Harry Yarnell of the United States Asiatic Fleet is leaving for Manila on December 14.

With the departure of the Falkmouth the only British warship left is H.M.S. Folkstone.

PASSENGERS

S.S. Rajputana

The following passengers left the Colony on Saturday by the S.S. Rajputana:—

Mr. C. W. Avery, Mr. and Mrs. Bodeley, Mr. D. Begulescu-Olt, Mrs. M. A. Begulescu-Olt, Mr. D. P. Brady, Mr. C. A. Blackler, Mr. D. R. Bayley, Mr. K. E. Chan, Mr. J. E. A. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Clark, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Cammille with two children and infant, Mr. K. S. Chan, Mr. Y. S. Chan, Mr. T. B. Casterton, Mr. W. J. Cameron, Mr. C. J. Clark, Mr. A. J. Cook, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Detry, Lt. Dayrell, Lt. Davenport, Mr. T. I. Daycock, Mr. W. H. Dodd, Mr. C. C. Fu, Mr. H. Faulkes, Mr. P. Fanning, Mr. G. M. Ferran, Mr. H. Giel, Com. R. H. Glen, Mr. S. W. Giles, Mr. H. Margest, Miss A. Hardyng, Mrs. Hazlett, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hughes, Mrs. H. S. Hills and family, Mr. Wilson Hang, Mr. Willie Hang, Mr. T. P. S. Hicks, Mr. N. L. Hearn, Mr. C. Hopkins, Mr. A. J. R. Hibbs, Mr. A. S. Hicks, Mr. A. S. Holloway. (Continued on Page 15.)

FORGERY ALLEGED

The case against So Huen, alias So Suen, alias P. C. So, who is charged with forging and uttering a promissory note purporting to be given or made by the Yee Hop firm of No. 10, Tai Wong Street, Yanchai, sometime between Jan. 8 and April 9 this year, was adjourned for a week by Mr. R. Edwards on Saturday.

mouth the only British warship left is H.M.S. Folkstone.

Although the destination of the Falkmouth is not divulged, it is reported that Admiral Little is bound for Hong Kong. The date of his return to Shanghai is uncertain, but it is expected to be before April.

Admiral Yarnell's time of return is also uncertain, but in the event of no major emergency demanding his presence, it is understood he will not be back before the Spring. — Reuter.

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GALLANT DEFENCE OF THE CAPITAL

Chinese Make Fine Show Against Attackers

Nanking, Dec. 11.
Is it Nanking's destiny to become another Alcazar?

Foreign newspaper correspondents sticking grimly to their posts in China's capital were asking themselves this question to-night, after witnessing a day of hectic fighting in which the grim determination of the Chinese defenders had resulted in the smashing of the fury of the Japanese onslaughts at all points.

Magnificent is the only word to describe the Chinese stand to-day. Their record was one of complete triumph, gained it is true at a heavy cost, under a storm of artillery fire and aerial bombing, but with the Japanese, too, suffering disastrous losses in desperate efforts to carry the Chinese machine-gun posts by storm.

Nowhere in the city had the Japanese secured any advantage despite wave upon wave of assaults. On the other hand, they were thrust back at strategic points from ground previously gained.

Outstanding episode in a day marked by extreme heroism was the smashing of a violent Japanese attack at the south gate, in an action which was nothing less than a severe defeat for the Japanese.

TANKS CHARGE

This particular rush was led by four tanks, which crashed their way through the south gate shortly after ten o'clock.

In a few moments, the forces were locked in a death-grip which ended only when the four Japanese tanks had been disabled, their crews killed, and the survivors among the infantry were in full flight through the south gate.

Everywhere the same spirit of determination had manifested itself. There is no sign of retreat, or thought of retreat.

Sanguinary fighting is also continuing outside the city walls, where some 200,000 provincial troops are engaged in heroic attempts to break up the Japanese forces to a halt.

It was noted, however, that the provincial troops are slowly withdrawing men across to the Pukow side of the Yangtze, and it is thought likely that this process will be speeded up, leaving only the Central Government troops inside the walls to defend the capital.—*Transocean News Service.*

SEVERE CLASHES

Hankow, Dec. 11.
According to Chinese despatches received to-day, severe fighting is raging at five of Nanking's city gates, where the Japanese, aided by aircraft, artillery and tanks, are severely pounding the Chinese defenses in a determined effort to capture the city.

The heaviest engagement is going on outside Chunghua Men, or south gate, where the Chinese are said to be stubbornly holding on to forts on top of a small hill known as the Yu Hua Tai, which is nationally famous for its beautiful transparent colored pebbles, hence the name, "Petals Rained from Heaven."

Three forts on top of the hill guard the entrance to the south gate.

Meanwhile, according to Chinese reports, Japanese troops have occupied Purple Mountain, where the Mausoleum of Sun Yat-sen is situated, and are attempting to storm the Chungshan and Taiping gates of the city.

The Chungshan Gate is on Nanking's famous Chungshan Road, which goes through the gate into the Sun Yat-sen Mausoleum Park and the Mausoleum.

The Taiping Gate is situated slightly north of the Chungshan Gate.

TOKYO PLANS CELEBRATIONS

Million Children To Take Part

Tokyo, Dec. 11.
Mammoth celebrations are planned immediately and broadcast announce Japanese occupation of Nanking.

A million school-children, Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, students, Y.M.C.A. members, Reservists' Associations, bankers' employees and members of the Stock Exchange in Tokyo will participate in general revelries, processions and lantern parades to the Imperial Palace.

The War and Navy Ministries, the Italian and German Embassies and shop fronts in all Japanese cities will be beflagged.

Enthusiasm has reached its highest pitch in Osaka, Kyoto and Kobe, where the citizens, more impatient than those of Tokyo, have already held big flag processions.

Flags and lanterns are enjoying a brisk sale.—*Reuter.*

PURPLE MOUNTAIN CAPTURED

It was the place where the Manchukuo Imperial army, under the command of Hseng Kuo-fang, finally captured Nanking after a siege lasting ten years, by dynamiting the city wall.

Japanese capture of Purple Mountain at this early stage has surprised Chinese circles, as the mountain was strongly fortified.

Occupation of the mountain gives the Japanese complete command of the city, since the mountain towers above the capital.

From the top the Japanese can direct gunfire on any part of the city.—*Reuter.*

RENEWED ATTACK

Shanghai, Dec. 11.
According to Japanese reports, Japanese forces launched a fresh offensive against Nanking at 10 o'clock this morning, supported by an intensive aerial and artillery bombardment.

BRITISH NAVAL REARMAMENT

London, Dec. 11.
The keels of the last three of seven 1,050-ton submarines for construction of which the present naval programme provides, were laid recently, according to an official Admiralty statement issued yesterday.

It is thought in some quarters that the number of British submarines will be greatly increased in the near future, and it is asserted that the new Navy Estimates will provide for construction of a far greater number of submarines than were built in the current year.

It is pointed out that Italy has, approximately, 102 submarines, and is likely to build more in the near future.

Generally speaking, however, Britain's naval rearmament is making satisfactory progress.

Contracts for construction of the last warships for which the current programme provides—four 8,000-ton cruisers of the "Fiji" class—will be placed with various shipyards this month.

Some anxiety is said to be existing in official quarters, however, concerning the question of personnel for warships now under construction, since it is considered doubtful whether a sufficient number of trained officers and men will be available for manning the new ships on their completion.—*Transocean.*

Japanese columns, preceded by tanks, advanced from three directions against the walls, which at many points have been reduced to smoking masses of broken masonry.

The Chinese are offering stubborn resistance from strongly fortified points in the city.

Japanese reports allege that gas shells were used by the Chinese last night before the Chinese counter-attack.

Meanwhile, foreign reports confirm Japanese occupation of Wuhu, on the Yangtze.—*Reuter.*

CASTLECRARY RAILWAY DISASTER

Fire Hinders Rescue Work

London, Dec. 10.
In one of the worst railway accidents of recent years, 34 people are believed to have lost their lives when two trains, one from Edinburgh and the other from Dundee, collided at Castlecrary to-day on the London and North-Eastern Railway.

Twenty-six bodies have been recovered and others are being exhumated from the mass of wreckage. At least 40 are injured in this, the worst train disaster since 1915 when the Gretna Green disaster took place.

One train ran into the rear of the other. Villagers rushed to the railway station to help the victims. They used improvised stretchers pending the arrival of ambulances across the snow-bound countryside from nearby towns.

An earlier official announcement of the death toll placed the number of victims at 24, but more bodies were believed to be in the wreckage.

COACHES SMASHED

A storm was raging when the Edinburgh-Glasgow express crashed into the rear of the stationary local passenger train from Dundee. The engine of the express was thrown down an embankment and two coaches were telescoped and smashed to pieces.

Terrible scenes followed, dead and injured passengers lying in wrecked compartments and in the snow beside the line. Buses were requisitioned to take the injured to the hospitals and improvised stretchers were used pending the arrival of the ambulances.

Passengers on the express are reported to have included a number of Cameron Highlanders on Christmas leave from Catterick.

The wreckage was set on fire to provide light for the rescuers. One survivor said that before the crash he saw a man running on the

PREMIER TO MAKE STATEMENT AFTER OCCUPATION OF NANKING

Tokyo, Dec. 11.
When the Japanese complete occupation of Nanking, the Premier, Prince Konoye, is expected to make a statement urging the people to "unite solidly in preparation for protracted hostilities."

The Premier will also draw popular attention to the "heavier responsibilities now devolving on the shoulders of Japan for establishment of peace in East Asia as the result of collapse of the Nanking Government, which has been reduced to the status of a mere local administration."

The Japanese newspapers state that hostilities will go on with the fall of Nanking.

The "Kokumin Shimbun" says that the fall of Nanking will mean "collapse of the Nanking administration but will impose heavier responsibilities on Japan in connection with protracted hostilities."

The "Yomiuri Shimbun" says that Japan "cannot be satisfied with a patched-up peace or an inconclusive measure as long as the

Kuomintang, whose abiding principle consists of antagonising and excluding Japan, remains in power, even if Mr. Wang Ching-wei replaces General Chiang Kai-shek."

The "Nichi-Nichi" congratulates the Japanese forces who have reached Nanking, "which has disturbed peace and order in the Far East for the past ten years as the base of anti-Japanese operations."

The journal, however, emphasises the necessity of following up the victory.

The "Hochi Shimbun" analyses the Chinese inclination for protracted hostilities, and expresses the opinion that this is due partly to Chinese expectation of British aid and partly to the growing pressure of the Communists.

The "Asahi Shimbun" states that the Japanese military achievement is worthy of celebration, but warns the people against intoxication over victory, pointing out that the situation stands at an important turning point.—*Reuter.*

PRINCE YASUHIKO ASAKA TO COMMAND FORCES

Tokyo, Dec. 11.
The Imperial Headquarters announce that Lieut-General Prince Yasuhiko Asaka, son-in-law of the late Emperor Meiji, has been appointed to command the Japanese forces at Nanking.—*Reuter.*

line waving a lamp, evidently trying to stop the train.—*Reuter.*

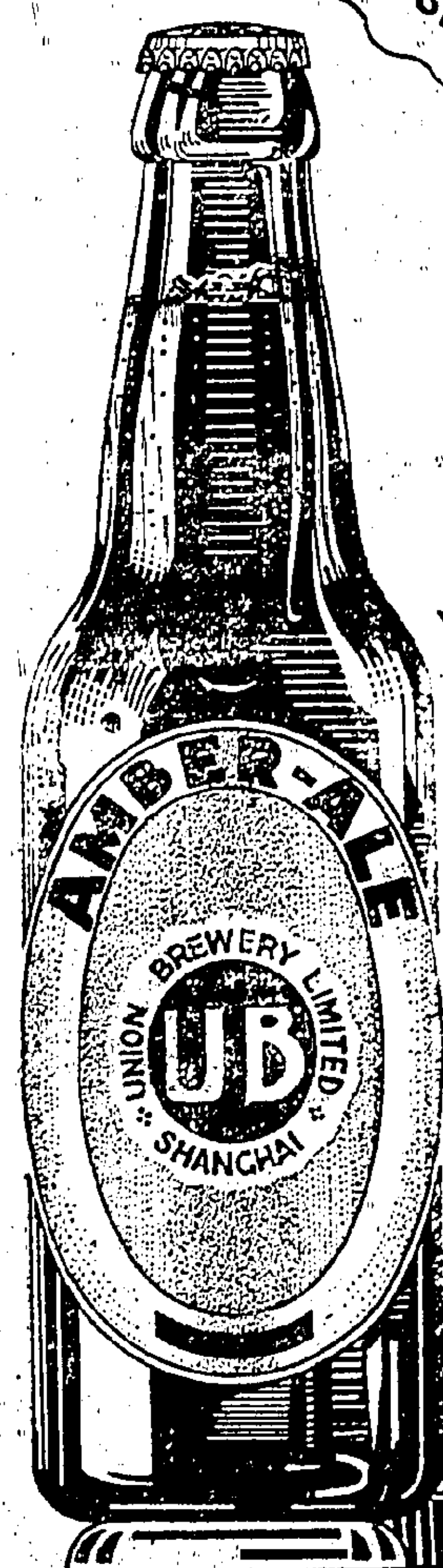
SALVAGE WORK HINDERED

London, Dec. 11.
Salvage work in the Scottish train wreck was hindered by fire which broke out among the wreckage at midnight, necessitating the call of a fire brigade in order to prevent bodies from being burnt. At midnight 24 bodies had been taken to the mortuary and eight were believed still to be in the wreckage.—*Reuter.*

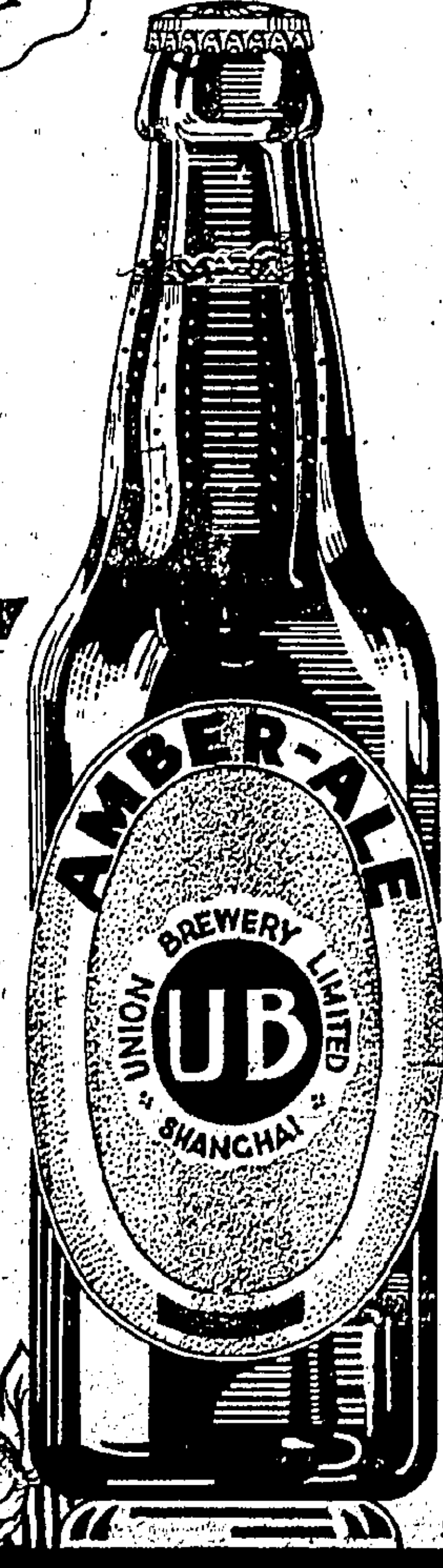
'THE AMBIGUOUS' • 'LEGAL STATUS'

Tokyo, Dec. 11.
Chinese territory now occupied by Japanese troops will be placed under military administration, the semi-official "Yomiuri Shimbun" predicts to-day in an editorial dealing with "the ambiguous legal status" of this area.

The newspaper declares that as far as the current incident is concerned there are no proper provisions in international law binding relations between two parties or between Japan and third parties. Under the present circumstances it is admissible for the army of occupation to create organs necessary for the maintenance of local peace and order, and to exercise civil administration, including such functions as taxation and education.—*Reuter.*



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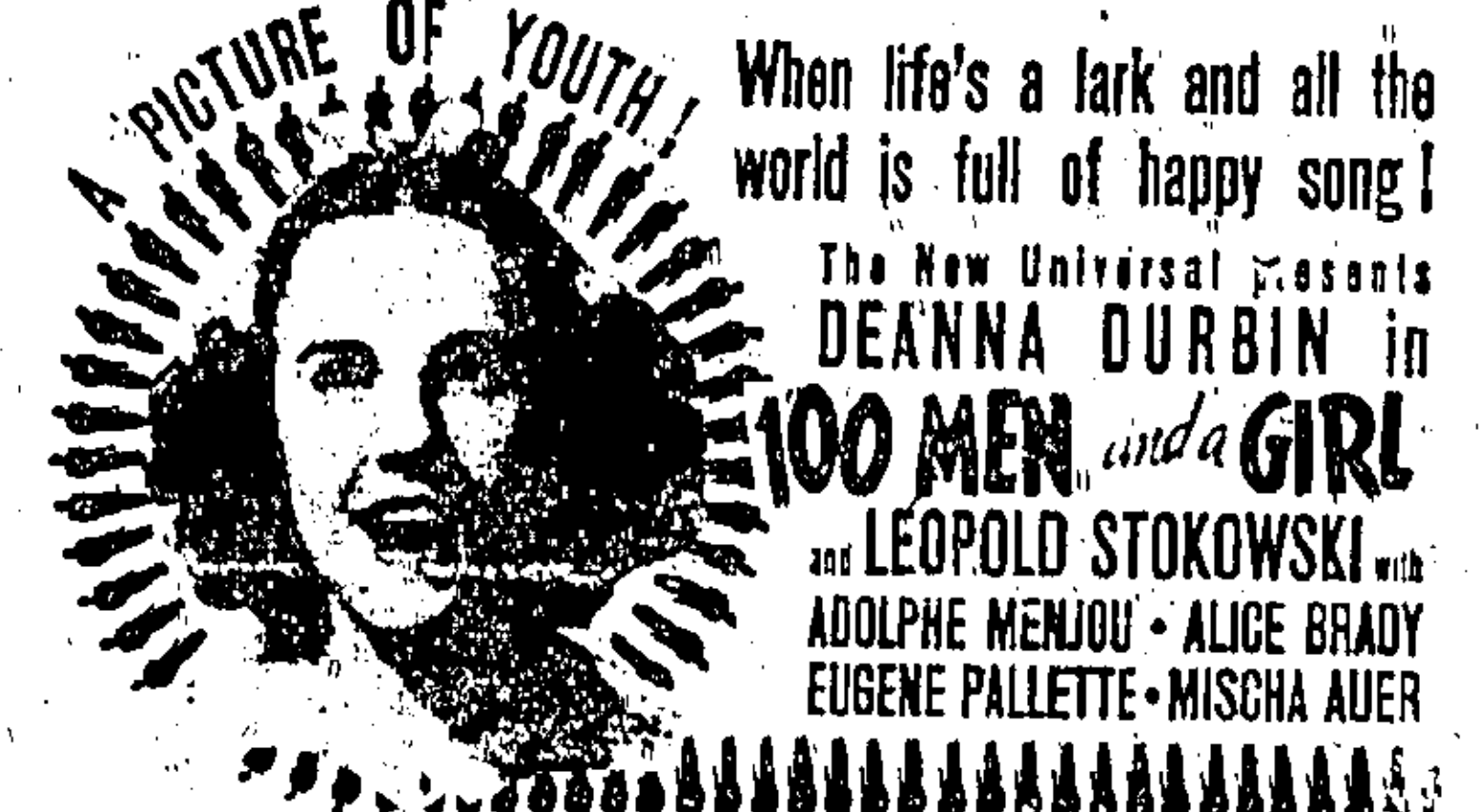
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THIS WAY PLEASE

A musical comedy goes to the head of the class among Paramount's successes for the year with the release of that hilariously funny comedy romance, "This Way Please", which is showing at the Alhambra Theatre to day.

The picture marks the screen debut of Mary Livingstone, Jack Benny's Mary, to be exact, whose infectious laugh has endeared her to millions of radio fans these several years. Miss Livingstone's laugh rings true. Also seen for the first time on the screen are Fibber McGee and Molly, who are

TO-DAY AT THE CINEMA

Hong Kong

KING'S:—"The Prisoner of Zenda"
QUEEN'S:—"100 Men And A Girl"
ORIENTAL:—"Stowaway"

Kowloon

ALHAMBRA:—"This Way Please"
STAR:—"The Lilac Domino"
MAJESTIC:—"Sweet Adeline"

Coming

KING'S:—"Public Enemy's Wife"
QUEEN'S:—"Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde"
ORIENTAL:—"The Case of The Black Cat"
ALHAMBRA:—"Cattle Thief"

STAR:—"One Night of Love"
MAJESTIC:—"Women of Glamour"

THE PRISONER OF ZENDA

Ronald Colman is at the King's Theatre to-day in David O. Selznick's production of "The Prisoner of Zenda," the famous Anthony Hope romance of love and intrigue in the royal courts of Europe.

Madeline Carroll and Douglas Fairbanks Jr. head the imposing supporting cast, which includes Mary Astor, C. Aubrey Smith, Raymond Massey, David Niven and others.

Colman plays a dual role in this colourful tale, appearing both as the adventurous Rudolf Rassendyll and as King Rudolf V. the monarch he impersonates.

100 MEN AND A GIRL

The little girl, Deanna Durbin, whose voice charmed you and whose screen performance won the acclaim of audiences and critics in "Three Smart Girls," has climbed to the rank of stardom in Universal's comedy drama with music, "100 men and a girl," which has its run at the Queen's Theatre to-day.

A brilliant figure in the music world, Leopold Stokowski, portrays the role of an orchestra conductor. In addition to appearing in the film as an actor, the noted maestro of the Philadelphia Symphony has developed a new method of recording music for the screen, which will be used for the first time in "100 Men and a Girl." The effect he has achieved gives a new magic depth to musical tones. Music comes to the ears of the audiences from varying distances, giving perspective to the sound of the orchestral offerings.

HULLO HONG KONG

This Week's Revue

In the gaily decorated China Fleet Club Theatre, the company of "Hullo Hong Kong" will introduce themselves to the Colony at 9.15 on Wednesday and Thursday. The show, which is being presented by a young Naval officer, is played by a cast of brother officers, ladies, and guest-artists from the Lower Deck and ashore, and comprises fifteen items, lasting two hours.

In a varied programme, some outstanding items include a high-kicking chorus, some impersonations, a gruesome dramatic interlude, several singing and comedy turns, most of which will be surprising in their novelty, and, as the chief item in the programme, an hilarious burlesque on the old-world "melodrammer" with hero, heroine, villain and child in evidence. As befits the time of year, there will be an air of festivity in the theatre and a colourful Yuletide scene has been added to the finale in which Father Christmas will lead the action, including the orchestra and stage staff, the company numbers nearly fifty, the orchestra being the Royal Marine Band of H.M.S. Cumberland.

Proceeds will go to the Hong Kong Chinese Boys' Club and to the Naval Dockyard Chapel for his fund for Seamen's welfare.

Seats are still available at Messrs. Motrie and Co., and the ship's office, H.M.S. Westcott, but in view of the short time before the first night on Wednesday, intending seaholders should take an early opportunity of making their reservations.

H.E. the Governor and Lady Northcote have very kindly consented to be present at the opening performance.

GERMANS IN POLAND

New Minority Agreement

BY W. L.

Since German history has always been intimately connected with the history of Poland (partition of Poland under Frederick the Great, Saxony's King, also King of Poland etc), it is not astonishing that standing expressions connected with Poland should have entered into German mentality. One of these standing expressions was the sentence, "that is truly Polish fashion," indicating a state of disorderliness.

When, therefore, in 1934 the German Government and the Government of Marshal Pilsudski entered into an agreement regulating the question of German minorities in Germany, and declaring that two Governments pledged themselves to refrain from using force to settle any possible differences of opinion, the world at large sighed with relief. Had there not always been the question of Danzig, where Poland sought to gain controlling influence, and the territory of Silesia, which was cut from the Reich as a result of the Treaty of Versailles? European Chancelleries had been continually on the alert, watching the German-Polish frontier, the Polish Corridor, as one of the most dangerous points on the map of Europe.

But all was not as well as it seemed. Marshal Pilsudski died, and with him one of the firm believers in a Polish-German understanding. It seemed as though his successors would again sacrifice the understanding with Germany for a closer co-operation with France, the country that had, until 1933, been the great friend of Poland.

ANXIOUS PROBLEM

The political re-modelling of the Free State of Danzig put a severe test on Polish statesmanship, and it often looked as though the world would see "trouble in the Baltic."

Many minor and major instances during the last few years have again made European statesmen watch the "Corridor" anxiously, and of late it had seemed as though after all, there could be no lasting peace in that part of the world.

And then, suddenly, amidst a war in Spain, quarrel over Non-Intervention, a grave crisis in the Far East, unrest all over the world, there came news from Berlin and Warsaw that the question of minorities in these two states had been settled!

The two Governments came together, and decided that the development in Danzig should not form misunderstanding between them. They agreed that the minorities in each country would not be assimilated by force, as the "mutual respect of the two countries for one another made this impossible."

TOLERANCE

The minorities were assured the right to use their own language freely, in private and business life as well as in the press and at public gatherings, and they were assured that no inconvenience would be forced upon them because of this. Minorities were permitted to associate in private as well as in cultural and economic spheres. They were furthermore allowed to erect and maintain schools where their languages would be taught, and their religious practice in the mother-tongue was specifically permitted. They were free to live according to their principles and to maintain and develop their own charity organisations.

With this spontaneous agreement between the two states, Europe can once again concentrate its attention upon other matters. Danzig and the "Corridor" can be dismissed from the minds of troubled statesmen, and in the interest of world peace the responsible leaders of Germany and Poland must be lauded for their timely and prudent action.

CHINESE PLANES ACTIVE

Hankow, Dec. 11.

Chinese air force planes were despatched yesterday afternoon to Nanking to bomb the Japanese forces attacking the Chinese capital, and also to make observations.

According to the pilots of the Chinese "machines," which circled above Nanking at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, tremendous fires, both inside and outside the city walls, were visible from the sky.—*Reuter.*

DIARY OF LOCAL EVENTS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13

Anniversaries and Holidays.—Duchess of Kent born, 1906. Heine born, 1787.

Cinemas.—(See Page 5). Dances.—Y.M.C.A. Service Men's Dance in the West Lounge, 8.45 p.m.

Lectures.—Anti-Air Raid, "Effects and characteristics of, and measures for protection against, incendiary bombs and fire," at China Fleet Club Theatre, 5.30 p.m., by Mr. J. C. Fitz-Henry, Superintendent, H.K. Fire Brigade.

Mails.—(See Page 16).

Meetings.—Annual, of Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children, at Helena May, 5.30 p.m.; Hong Kong Football Referees' Assn., Room 205, Gloucester Bldg., 8 p.m.; St. Andrew's Women's Guild, 10.30 a.m.; Volunteer Nursing Detachment, at P.W.D. Offices, 5.30 p.m.

Miscellaneous.—"Our Poor Day" Sale of Roses: St. Stephen's College (Stanley), new term; Hong Kong Philatelic Society's Annual Exhibition, in "S. C. M. Post" Board Room, 3 p.m.—8 p.m.; Prize Distribution, Diocesan Catechetical Commission, St. Mary's School, Kowloon, 5 p.m.

Moon.—XI Moon, 11th. Day. Rehearsals.—Final Dress, of "The Arcadians," at Queen's Theatre, 11.30 p.m.

Social.—Cheero Club Whist Drive, 8.45 p.m.; R.A.O.B. (G.L.T.) Club Whist Drive.

Sports.—(See Page 10). Sunrise.—6.54 a.m. Sunset.—5.40 p.m.

Tides.—High at 04.21 and 17.20; Low at 10.44.

TUESDAY, DEC. 14

Cinemas.—(See Page 5). Mails.—(See Page 16).

Moon.—XI Moon, 12th. Day. Sports.—(See Page 10).

Sunrise.—6.53 a.m. Sunset.—5.40 p.m.

Tides.—High at 02.45 and 18.37. Low at 09.57 and 23.23.

Miscellaneous.—Rotary Timn. Hong Kong Hotel, 1 p.m.

GENERAL KUO NOW IN COMMAND

Hankow, Dec. 11.

General Kuo Chang, garrison commander of the Wuhan area, which includes the three cities of Hankow, Wuchang and Hanyang, has assumed office concurrently as chief officer of martial law here. He has also proclaimed twenty martial law regulations, violation of which is punishable by death.

The regulations include looting, supplying of information to the enemy, spreading of propaganda for the enemy and interfering with communications. Meetings and parades without authorisation are also prohibited.—*Reuter.*

JAPANESE SENTRY SHOT?

Shanghai, Dec. 11.

Following an alleged shooting attack on a Japanese sentry, Japanese military police to-day instituted a house-to-house search in Nantao and the Nantao refugee zone, which has now been taken over by Japanese police.

According to a Japanese spokesman, patrolling is to be a permanent measure.

The Japanese sentry was not hit and no arrests have yet been made. Japanese patrolling of the area does not mean Japanese taking over of the present work of the international refugee committee of feeding and housing refugees.—*Reuter.*

REUTER'S MAN IN NANKING

Hankow, Dec. 11.

Reuter's special correspondent, Mr. L. C. Smith, is now the only British national inside the walled inner city of Nanking.

Mr. Smith went on board a British gunboat on December 9, when all Britons were evacuated from the capital, but in spite of discussion, returned to the city yesterday to obtain first hand information of conditions there.—*Reuter.*

A burglar has been caught in a London warehouse stealing Christmas-cards. The police are evidently doing their Christmas copping early.

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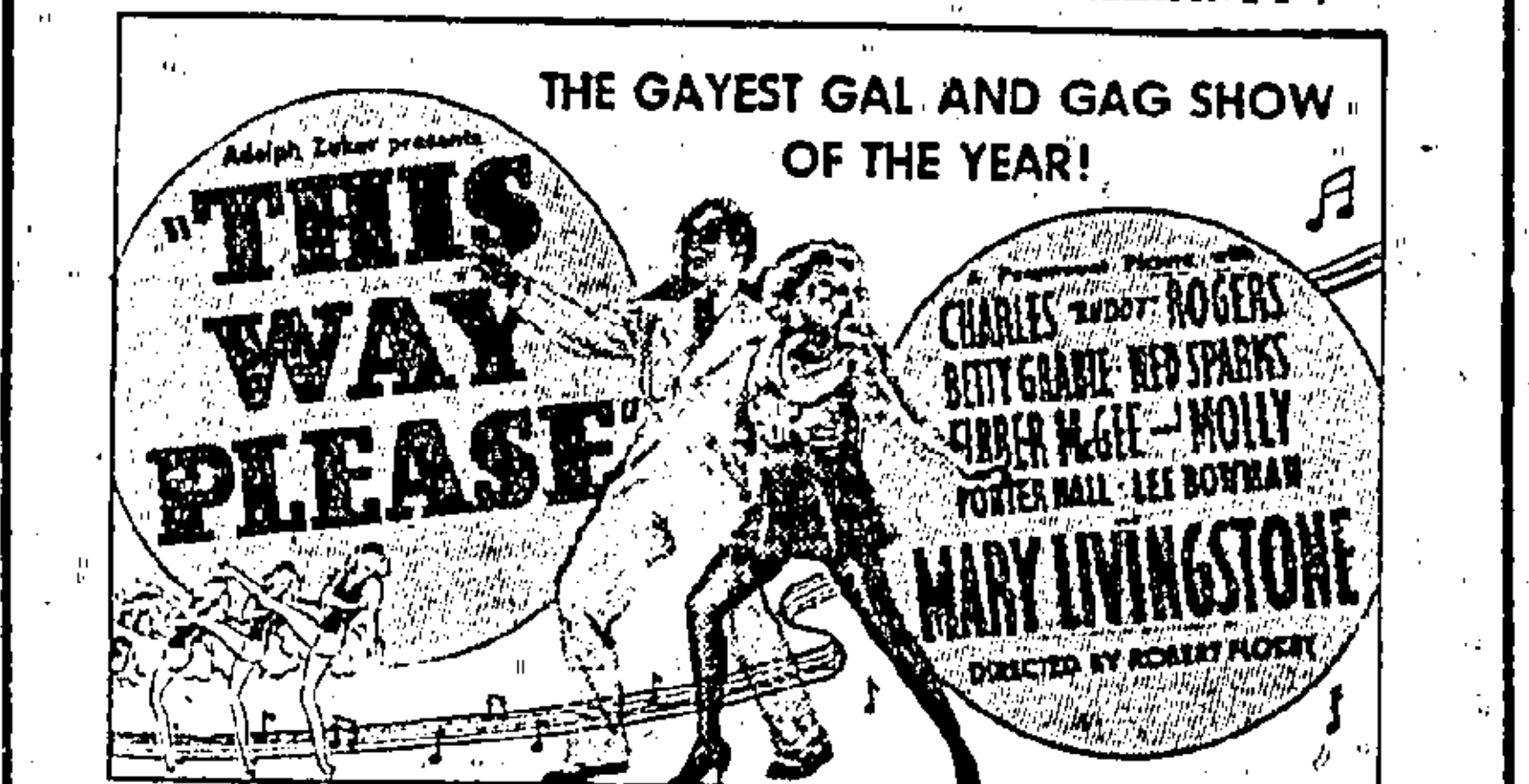


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SWEET ADELINE

"Sweet Adeline." Warner Bros. new musical spectacle and said to be the most pretentious of all their gigantic specials, opens at the Majestic Theatre to-day, with Irene Dunne, famous stage and screen singing star in the title role.

The picture is taken from the sensational Broadway hit by Jerome Kern and Oscar Hammerstein II and is crammed with hilarious comedy, delightful romance and stirring drama in addition to its gigantic specialty numbers.

The picture is laid in the glamorous period of the gay nineties with the Broadway Theatrical world as its setting. Irene Dunne has the role of a singer in her father's famous Hoboken beer garden which is the rendezvous of theatrical folk and New York's young bloods and men about town. Donald Woods plays opposite her in the romantic role with Louis Calhern as his rival.

First Anniversary Of King George VI's Accession

London, Dec. 11.

Flags were flying at mastheads in London to-day, and the Royal Salute of guns was fired at noon, celebrating the first anniversary of accession to the throne of King George VI.—*British Wireless.*

Simone Simon, with her newly discovered singing voice, is to sing "The Bell Song" from "Lakme" in "Love and Hises." Lily Pons sang it is "I Dream Too Much."

Cedric Hardwicke has signed a contract with M-G-M. Hardwicke previously refused long-term contracts. This one allows him to return to England at the end of each picture.

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**FURIOUS BATTLE
RAGING FOR
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**Defenders Desperately
Resist Invaders**

Nanking, Dec. 11.
The fate of the city appears to be sealed. Chinese soldiers, running the gauntlet of a vigorous Japanese offensive from three sides, are making a last desperate stand to defend the nation's capital against capture by the Japanese.

According to a Japanese report, early this morning the situation of the Chinese defenders was "extremely critical," although their staunch stand is being continued despite the incessant pounding of their positions by Japanese artillery and the bombardment of communication lines and concentration points by endless relays of Japanese planes.

Blood ran dark on the cobbled streets of Nanking last night as the Chinese fought desperately against the advancing Japanese.

According to Japanese reports the honour of being the first Japanese troops to enter the historic walled Inner City went to a force commanded by Colonel Wakizaka.

DEATH TRAP

When the news of the success of Colonel Wakizaka's troops reached the main forces beyond the walls, there were lusty shouts of "Banzai" from thousands of throats, rising above the unceasing din of rifles, machine-guns, trench mortars and howitzers. An hour later field wireless brought congratulations from General Matsui, who added: "I highly appreciate the successful attainment of your difficult task."

Japanese sources state that seven other bodies of Japanese troops with a large number of tanks are now attempting to force their way into the city from the north-east and south.

A way of retreat is still open to the defenders across the Yangtze but unless they slipped out during the night, Nanking is expected to be a death trap for them to-day, when the Japanese aeroplanes resume their activity.

Chinese circles admit that further defence has no military value, but is important as a symbol that China will resist. They assert that the loss of Nanking is like the loss of Shanghai. It marks only a phase of the war.

Reuter.

"HANDS OFF" POLICY

Japanese Press Advises
Third Parties

Shanghai, Dec. 11.

Reviewing the issues involved in the current Chinese customs problem, the Shanghai "United News," an influential Japanese newspaper, advises third parties to exercise a "hands off" policy in the matter.

This journal asserts that it was shown it was clearly understood abroad that Japan is negotiating with the Customs as an organ of the Chinese Government, but not with third parties, regarding the control of the customs.

Any attempt by persons of other nationalities, whatever their positions, at interference in negotiations now proceeding between Japan and the Chinese Customs authorities "should be flatly rejected by the Japanese," this paper adds.

Japan, however, is not disregarding the interests and vested rights of third parties.

The newspaper declares: "Viewed in this light we cannot but consider any move taken by third parties interfering with Sino-Japanese negotiations or exerting authorities in order to protect illegal pressure on the Customs their own interests and vested rights, as an unfriendly act towards Japan."

Reuter.

MR. ALFRED LONDON

Refuses To Be Candidate For
Republican Presidential
Nomination In 1940

Washington, Dec. 10.

Mr. Alfred London, former Governor of Kansas, who unsuccessfully contested the last Presidential election, stated that he would not be a candidate for the Republican presidential nomination in 1940. He would not accept the nomination if it were offered him, he said.

Governor London was Republican nominee in the 1936 election and was heavily defeated by President Roosevelt.

Reuter.

**AMAZING
HEROISM**

Of Nanking Defenders

Shanghai, Dec. 11

Japanese here confidently, though entirely without reason, believe the present battle for Nanking will prove decisive.

The Japanese are concentrating their main attack on the South Gate, where the Chinese defenders are giving ample testimony of their determination to fight to the last.

The Taiping Gate, south-east of Lotus Lake, is also the scene of another bloody struggle. This point is evidently considered by the Japanese as the most vulnerable sector of the defence.

The Chinese fight is truly heroic, and in street fighting, at which the Chinese soldier excels, they have taken a heavy toll of the Japanese in spite of the latter's mechanised superiority.

The Kuanghua Gate, which fell into Japanese hands yesterday, was re-captured this morning.

Chinese reports claim that the first Japanese onslaught, which was to have resulted in a runaway victory according to Japanese calculations, has definitely broken down.

TENACITY AND STOICISM

While this is possibly a trifle too optimistic, it is certain that the Japanese will soon have to re-organise their forces, many of the attacking columns having been literally decimated.

The Japanese, in their intense bombardment this morning which preceded the infantry attack, used trench mortars in addition to howitzers.

The Japanese air force is also being overworked, and one air raid follows the other in quick succession.

This, combined with the three-fold infantry attack, is demonstrating to civilians in the so-called safety zone the frightfulness of large-scale modern warfare.

There is no doubt that the Chinese are inferior to the enemy in equipment, but their tenacity and stoicism are beyond compare, and they are undoubtedly teaching the Japanese many lessons.

Transocean.

**KEEPING ARMY
STANDARD HIGH**

London, Dec. 11.

Speaking at Devonport this afternoon the War Secretary said the army was growing in size every day. The number of recruits between August and November showed an increase of 2,489 over that for the corresponding period of 1936.

It had to be remembered that British standards for entry into the army were considerably higher, according to his information, than in any other European country. If anyone had the impression Great Britain had difficulty in attracting recruits to the army they ought to be told there was no lack of applicants. The difficulty resided in the high standard the applicants had to attain. Last year, for example, 18,000 men were rejected on medical and physical grounds.

Later in the day in a speech at Plymouth, Mr. Hore Belisha was able to reveal that the recruiting for the territorial army in November constituted a new record. He said that 4,000 was the largest number taken in for any November since the war.

British Wireless.

**UNCOMPLETED GUN
LEFT TO MUSEUM**

Capetown, Dec. 10.

The late Mr. B. F. Baden-Powell, brother of Lord Baden-Powell, left an uncompleted invention to the Pretoria Museum. It is the model of a new type of anti-aircraft gun on which he had been working for ten years before his death.

The gun is based on the principle of firing by centrifugal force with no smoke, no noise and no flash.

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**UNUSUAL CASE OF
HIGH TREASON**

Berlin, Dec. 12: Eight Germans have been sentenced to imprisonment for listening-in to a broadcast from Moscow. Charges of high treason arose out of the allegation that accused were strengthening the Communist faith by listening-in to Moscow. Sentences passed range from 2 1/2 years' hard labour to 12 months simple imprisonment.

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**UNIFICATION OF
CHINA**

**Bishop Yu's Appeal
To The Conscience
Of The World**

Paris, Dec. 11.

Unification of China was practically completed, owing to the tireless efforts of General Chiang Kai-shek, when his work was interrupted by the present conflict, declared Bishop Yu Pin of Nanking in a statement to the press here yesterday.

Communism had suffered a decisive defeat in China, he declared, and no-one seriously considered beginning a new Communist experiment.

The anti-communistic movement in China grew out of the people themselves, since Communism contradicted every Chinese tradition.

It was obvious that Communism did not provide the real grounds for Japanese invasion, but was being used as a pretext for justifying an unjust action.

The Generalissimo had always evidenced open sympathy for Catholic missions and Catholicism in general in China.

Chinese were not divided in any way on the religious question.

ECONOMIC VIEWPOINT

Praising the patriotism of his countrymen, he related the story of the poor coolie who, in thirty years of hard work, had accumulated \$200 but turned it over to the state immediately the appeal was made to the nation.

Declaring that the Chinese people preferred death to humiliation, he emphasised that right would triumph in the end.

Fall of Nanking would by no means signify that resistance was broken, since from the economic viewpoint this was by no means the vital centre of China, and an unlimited expanse still remained in the hands of the Generalissimo.

The Chinese people earnestly desired peace and order but there was no thought other than to resist till the last.

Discussing conditions prevailing especially in hospitals, he declared that an extreme dearth of medical supplies existed, but that nurses and missionaries were carrying on in heroic manner.

He announced that he would soon publish a brochure in which he would appeal to the conscience of the world.

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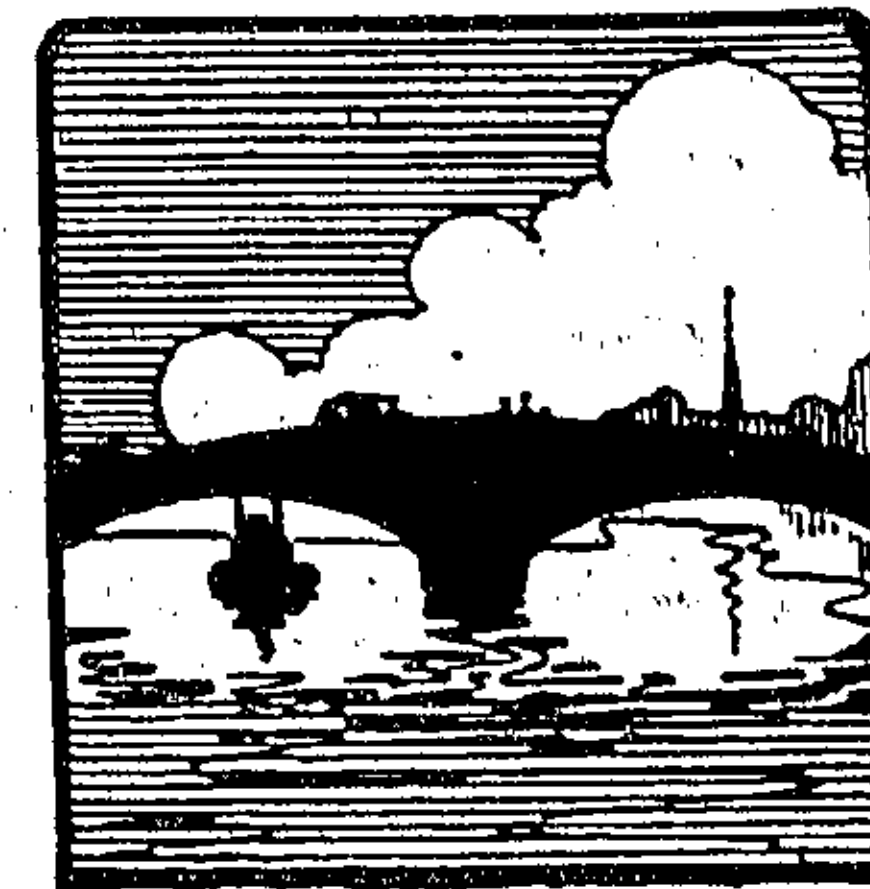
R.A.F. PLANES IN KARACHI

London, Dec. 11: The five R.A.F. planes flying to Australia to attend the 150th Anniversary of New South Wales in Sydney arrived at Karachi to-day.

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THE SERVICES

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ROYAL NAVY

ENGINEERS OVERSEER, LONDON
Captain (E) A. L. P. Mark-Wardlaw has returned from three years' service as Assistant Naval Attaché in Washington, during which he has been promoted to captain (E) from December 31 last. He has been appointed Engineer Overseer for the Admiralty in the London District.

H.M.S. SHROPSHIRE

The cruiser Shropshire, which has been re-commissioned after a long refit at Chatham by Captain A. W. La T. Bisset, left Sheerness on Nov. 26 to return to duty in the 1st Cruiser Squadron, Mediterranean. Of her sister-ships in this squadron, the London and Devonshire have been serving recently in Spanish waters, and the Sussex at Alexandria. The Shropshire will spend the week-end at Portsmouth, later leaving for Gibraltar, where she is to remain for 10 days to shake down.

SMALL CRAFT FOR CHINA

H.M.S. Ringdove is ordered to be transferred from Devonport to Portsmouth for manning purposes. She will become tender to the Vernon, torpedo school, from the date of her completion until she sails for China. The Ringdove is one of two special-service vessels, the other being the Redstart, ordered under the 1937 programme from Henry Robb, Limited, Leith, with machinery by White's Marine Engineering Company, Limited, Hebburn-on-Tyne.

H.M.S. CAIRO

The cruiser Cairo, late flagship of the Home Fleet destroyer flotilla, was reduced to reserve at Devonport on Nov. 25. During her 18 years on the effective list the Cairo has served in China, where she was flagship of the 5th Cruiser Squadron; in the East Indies; on the America and West Indies Station, to which she was transferred in 1927; and in the Mediterranean, where she became flagship of the destroyer flotilla from 1928 to 1930. After large repairs in 1931, she relieved the Centaur as flagship of the Home Fleet flotilla, on which duty she has now been replaced by the new cruiser Aurora.

FLAG LIST CHANGES

RETIREMENT OF SIR F. ROSE

The following retirements and promotions are announced by the Admiralty:

Vice-Admiral Sir Frank Rose, K.C.B., D.S.O., is placed on the retired list, medically unfit, to date November 4, 1937, and in consequence—

Rear-Admiral Clinton F. S. Danby, C.B., is promoted to vice-admiral, to date November 4, 1937, and is placed on the retired list, to date November 5, 1937.

Rear-Admiral Lewis G. E. Crabbe, C.B., D.S.O., is promoted to vice-admiral, to date November 5, 1937.

Vice-Admiral C. F. S. Danby is reappointed as Admiral-Superintendent, H.M. Dockyard, Chatham, on promotion and retirement from the active list.

NEW BOOM DEFENCE VESSELS

Certain of the boom defence vessels of the 1937 programme are to be constructed as boom defence working craft and not as vessels of the Barrier type. It has, therefore, been decided that these vessels shall be given names ending in the letters "net," and the following substitution of names has been approved: Bayonet for Barnham, Magnet for Barnsey, Planet for Barwell, and Plantagenet for Barwood.

SEA LORDS VISIT TO PORTSMOUTH

Fine weather favoured the Board of Admiralty inspection of the Portsmouth Command, which began on Nov. 25 with a visit to the Royal Naval Barracks. Their lordships were received by Admiral Lord Cork, Commander-in-Chief, Portsmouth, who presented Commodore W. E. C. Tait and the principal officers of his staff.

After the customary salutes had been given, their lordships, accompanied by Commodore Tait, inspected the officers and men. On parade there were 150 officers and nearly 3,000 petty officers and men. Fourteen hundred of the latter were new entries, some of whom had joined only the day before.

Mr. Duff Cooper, First Lord, and Admiral of the Fleet Lord Chatfield, First Sea Lord, saw classes under instruction in the gymnasium and then left for H.M.S. Excellent, Gunnery School. There they were received by Captain H. M. Burrough, the commanding officer. After inspecting the offi-

cers and ship's company and the school their lordships visited H.M.S. Erebus, training ship for cadets from public schools.

NAVAL APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments are made by the Admiralty:

Capt. C. S. Sandford, O.B.E., to Suffolk, P. K. Enright, to Folkestone (Dec. 31).
Engr. Capt. J. H. Breaks, to President, as Supt. of R.N. Torpedo Factory, Greenock (Dec. 20).
Cdr. M. Cursham, to Shikari (Dec. 31); C. A. E. Stanfield, to Broke (Jan. 4, 1938).
Cdr. (E) J. D. N. Ham, to Bee (Jan. 4, 1938).

Lt.-Cdr. T. P. Wisden, to Exeter; E. H. Chavasse, to Norfolk (Dec. 20); R. C. Medley, to Stronghold; E. Hart Dyke, to Windsor (Jan. 1, 1938); P. L. Collard, to Victory for Junior Officers' War Course (Jan. 3, 1938); E. N. V. Currey, to Worcester, L. R. K. Tyrwhitt, to Wanderer (Jan. 8, 1938).

Surgn. Lt.-Cdr. P. B. Jackson, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., to President for course (Jan. 22).
Lt. (E) J. K. Pearsall, to Exeter (Dec. 15).
Lts.—J. M. Parker, C. R. Purse, to Victory for P. and R.T. course (Nov. 29); D. A. Fraser, to St. Vincent; J. A. S. Wise, to Southampton (Dec. 13); G. F. W. Adams, to Mastiff (Dec. 15); J. Mowlam, to Sardonix (Jan. 8, 1938).

Surgn. Lts.—W. B. Teasey, M.B., to Apollo (Oct. 30); B. R. Alderson, L.R.C.P. and S., to Hebe (Jan. 1, 1938); C. J. Roberts, to Ramillies (Jan. 3, 1938); J. E. Davenport, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., to Britannia for R.N. Sick Quarters, Dartmouth (Jan. 20, 1938); R. A. M. Maunsell, M.B., to Glorious (on recomm.).
Payr. Lt.—W. J. Farrell, to Maidstone (Jan. 4, 1938).

Mids.—R. L. M. Shannon, D. F. Johnson, R. G. B. Keyes, to Ajax; E. B. Ashmore, T. V. A. Cleve, to Birmingham; R. A. Begg, K. S. Main, J. M. L. Scholfield, C. P. Ross, J. A. Glen-Bott, J. B. Burfield, to Cornwall; C. P. Moore, D. A. Forrest, J. R. Drummond, C. C. Butt, R. C. C. Macnab, A. H. M. Ash, J. B. Butchard, J. C. Macintyre, J. D. Cartwright, H. H. Dider, J. H. Meade, J. McC. Stewart-Moore, M. L. Woolcombe, C. N. Salmon, to Nelson (Jan. 1, 1938).

Cd. Gunners.—G. W. Morgan, to Foyle (Dec. 31); G. W. Wheeler (T), to Courageous (Dec. 13).

Cd. Tel.—S. T. Showell, to Nelson (Nov. 26).

Gunner.—F. T. Skinner, to Westgate (Nov. 23).

Boss.—H. C. Hillind, to Westgate (Nov. 23).

PROMOTION

Cd. Engr.—C. H. Lavers, to rank of Lt. (E) (seny. Nov. 14).

THE ARMY

GOOD SERVICE PENSION

General Sir Richard Ford, K.C.B., C.B.E., has been awarded a good service pension of £200 a year from October 31, in the vacancy created by the death of Major-General Sir Archibald Paris.

MILITARY APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments are announced by the War Office:

Colonel R. Chenevix Trench, O.B.E., M.C., to be Commandant, Signal Training Centre, with effect from February 11 next.

Lieutenant-Colonel C. A. West, D.S.O., M.C., Royal Engineers, to be Deputy Military Secretary to the Secretary of State for War, the War Office, with effect from Jan. 17 next.

Lieutenant-Colonel E. C. A. Schreiber, D.S.O., Royal Artillery, to be General Staff Officer (1st Grade), Senior Officers' School, Sheerness, with effect from January 8 next.

Colonel H. M. Fordham, O.B.E., M.C., A.M.I.E.E., from Member (temporary), to be Member (with Engineer pay), Royal Engineer and Signals Board, with effect from April 11 next.

STAFF COLLEGES EXAMINATION

The entrance examination for the Staff Colleges will begin on February 22, and last until March 2. Aldershot officers will be examined in that Command, those of Northern Ireland District will sit in Belfast, and others, including those on leave from abroad will sit in London. The Indian centres will be at Bangalore, Delhi, Karachi, Lahore, Lucknow, Meerut, Mhow, Peshawar, Poona, Rawalpindi, and Secunderabad. Other overseas centres will be Mandalay, Maymyo, and Hong Kong.

ARMY APPOINTMENTS IN INDIA

The Commander-in-Chief in India has made the following appointments, with effect from the dates shown:

COLONY'S WATER SUPPLY

Reservoir Returns For Past Months

The water returns issued by the Waterworks Department show that at the end of November there were 1,917.73 million gallons in the Island reservoirs, compared with 1,742.02 for the corresponding period last year, and 3,272 million gallons in the Mainland waterworks, as against 2,347.63.

As in November last year, a constant supply of water was given to all districts in the Colony and the mainland during the month, when 441.47 million gallons were consumed in the city and hill district by an estimated population of 445,000 at the rate of 33.1 gallons per head per day, as against 441.01 million gallons by an estimate population of 440,500 at 31.1 gallons per head per day in the corresponding period last year.

The consumption in Kowloon and New Kowloon for the month was 270.76 million gallons by an estimated population of 380,000 at the rate of 23 gallons per head per day, compared with 260.95 million gallons by 327,500 inhabitants at 22.6 gallons per head per day in November, 1936.

With the exception of 'Tyam Intermediate, which was level, all the other Island reservoirs were below overflow; while of those in Kowloon, Shingmun Reception and Kowloon Main were the only ones level.

The reports of the Government Bacteriologist and Analyst show that the quality of the water was excellent.

The total rainfall recorded by the Royal Observatory from January 1 to November 30 was 81.895 inches, which was 12.5 inches more than for the same period last year.

RAILWAY SERVICE SUSPENDED

On account of the consistent raids on the track by Japanese bombers, the morning and noon express services of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, to and from Canton, have been temporarily suspended by the railway authorities. There will now be only one express service each day. The train from the Kowloon Station will leave at 5 p.m., and the Canton express will depart from the Taisat Station at 4.50 p.m.

The slow trains will run as usual.

AQUARIUM SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Hong Kong Aquarium Society will be held on Wednesday next, Dec. 15, in the rooms of Miss Daisy O'Keefe's School of Dancing, Asia Building, Des Voeux Road Central.

This meeting will be the annual meeting and the president will make his address, followed by the hon. secretary and hon. treasurer who will submit their annual reports.

The Council and Officers for the year 1938 will be elected.

PHILATELIC SOCIETY

The Hong Kong Philatelic Society is holding its third annual Exhibition on Monday and Tuesday in the Board Room of the Morning Post Building from 3 to 8 p.m. A fine display of stamps has been arranged.

Colonel H. L. Howell, O.B.E., M.C.

as ADMS, Presidency and Assam District, October 1.

Major G. W. C. Hickie, O.B.E., R.I.A.S.C., as O.C., M.T. Training Battalion, October 2.

Major L. Jones, 6th Rajputana Rifles, as D.A.G., Peshawar District, October 1.

Major G. A. Bain, 2nd Gurkha Rifles, as Brigade Major, 10th (Jubbulpore) Infantry Brigade, October 1.

Major F. B. Hayes, O.B.E., as D.A.D.V.S., Madras District, October 4.

Major V. A. Bartrum, O.B.E., as D.A.D.V.S., Deccan District, August 7.

ROYAL AIR FORCE

WING COMMANDER E. OSMOND

Wing Commander Edward Osmond, C.B.E., who was second on the list of nearly 300 wing commanders, has retired because of ill-health, after more than 32 years in the Navy and R.A.F.

FROM THE GAZETTE

Appointments

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to make the following appointments, Captain Sidney Frank Hedgecoe, 1st Battalion, The Middlesex Regiment, to act as Adjutant H.K.V.D.C. with effect from December 1, 1937.

Mr. Cecil Graham Perdue to act as Inspector General of Police and Chief Officer, Fire Brigade, during the absence on leave of the Hon. Mr. Thomas Henry King or until further notice, with effect from December 13, 1937.

Mr. John Watson to act as Secretary to the Urban Council, with effect from December 15, 1937, until further notice.

Mr. Benjamin Davies Evans, F.R.A.S., resumed duty as Assistant Director, Royal Observatory, with effect from this date.

STREET (ALTERATION) ORDINANCE

Notice is given that the Governor proposes to make an order under the Street (Alteration) Ordinance, 1923, for the closure against vehicular traffic of the Shatin Pass Road between a point opposite to and to the west of the Village of Chuk Yuen and Shatin Pass from December 24, 1937, until further notice. Any person objecting to the proposed order must send his objection in writing to the Colonial Secretary not later than December 20, 1937.

SUPREME COURT

The offices of the Supreme Court will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. during the Christmas Vacation, except on public and general holidays, when the offices will be entirely closed. The Christmas Vacation begins on December 24, 1937, and terminates on January 1, 1938, (both days inclusive).

BANK NOTES RETURNS

Returns of the Average Amount of Bank Notes in Circulation in Hong Kong, during the month ended November 30, 1937, as certified by the Managers of the respective Banks are as follows: Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China \$25,133,564; Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation \$181,789,793; Mercantile Bank of India, Limited \$5,398,604; Total \$212,321,961.

PROF. NIXON HONOURED

Professor W. Nixon, M.D., F.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., M.C.O.G., was the guest of the Medical Society of the Hong Kong University at a farewell tea-party held in the University Union Assembly Hall on Saturday, just prior to leaving the Colony to take up his new appointment at the Hospital for Women in London.

Among those present were Mr. D. J. Sloss, Vice-Chancellor, the Dean of the Medical Faculty, Professor L. T. Ride, M.A., B.M., Ch. B., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Professor W. I. Gerrard, O.B.E., M.D., F.R.C.P., D.P.H. (Medicine), Professor L. J. Davis, M.D., F.R.C.P. (Pathology), and Mr. Ooi Kee-wan, President of the Medical Faculty Union.

A valedictory address was made by Mr. Col in presenting a carved camphor wood chest and Chinese screen to Professor Nixon, who suitably replied.

CHARITY FAIR

Clamour and jollity prevailed in the Chinese Recreation Club's grounds at Causeway Bay on Saturday, when, with a carnival atmosphere, the two-day Charity Fair, organised by the Hong Kong Chinese Women's War Relief Association, was opened. The ceremony was performed by Mrs. Ho Komtong.

The grounds were crowded. Appropriate music was furnished by the Band of the Chung Shing Benevolent Society.

SIAM CONSTITUTION DAY

The fifth anniversary of Siam's Constitution Day was commemorated by the local Siamese Students' Association with a dinner dance and concert at the Hotel Cecil on Saturday night. Mr. Li Chor-chi, Miss Flint, Mr. Ari and Miss Pratiang entertained the gathering with vocal items, and tap dances, and tango exhibitions by various other entertainers added to the success of the evening.



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IN BRITISH WATERS?

Japanese Take Customs Boat

The alleged penetration into Hong Kong waters of a Japanese destroyer of No. 23 flotilla in the course of an attack on a Chinese Maritime Customs cruiser just outside the territorial waters of the Colony on Saturday, is occupying the attention of the naval authorities.

According to information to hand the cruiser Cha Hsing, which was commanded by Captain G. Cook, was fired on somewhere in the vicinity of Black Point, which is about two miles outside local waters. Captain Cook sought the safety of the Colony and beached his vessel at Yung Lung Wan, in Deep Water Bay, about two miles from Castle Peak in the New Territories. It is alleged that two shots fired in the course of the chase landed in British territory, and two 4.7 shells, unexploded, were later found by the police on the beach, definitely in British territory.

The crew of the cruiser, having beached their craft, walked towards Lung Ku-tan and, as the cruiser was later sighted outside British waters proceeding under her own steam, it is alleged that the Japanese must have men in motor-boats to the beach, thereby entering the waters of the Colony, refloated her and sailed her off.

ST. ANDREW'S BAZAAR

The Mothers' Union of St. Andrew's Church held a very successful bazaar in the grounds of the Church on Saturday afternoon. Proceeds were donated to the collections for Thanksgiving Day. Lady Pollock opened the bazaar.

SMALLPOX CASE

There was one case of small-pox in Hong Kong during the 24 hours ended midnight Dec. 10. This was reported from the Shaukiwan district.

Four cases of diphtheria (two from Victoria and two from Kowloon) and two cases of Cerebro-spinal fever were also reported during the same period.

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SMUGGLING

The authoritative opinion has been expressed that the illegal traffic of opium and heroin could be easily checked if the operations in North China of the Maritime Customs authorities were not negated by the terms of a Sino-Japanese agreement establishing a demilitarised zone, where smuggling has been carried on with impunity. Foreign business men were alarmed at the scandalous state of affairs in North China—between October 1935 and April 1936 over 13,000 tons of sugar had been smuggled into Tientsin, and not a single bag of legitimately imported sugar had been sold.

Not only sugar, but enormous quantities of Japanese, rayon, matches and many other manufactures were being smuggled into China. The smuggling campaign encouraged by Japan was intended to break down the Chinese Government's resistance to demands for economic co-operation owing to the financial difficulties arising from the tremendous loss of Customs revenue (estimated at \$50,000,000) during 1936 and thus facilitate the entry of North China into the suggested economic bloc with "Manchukuo" and Japan.

These points would be incomplete without mentioning Japanese activities in the drug traffic. Addressing the Opium Advisory Committee at Geneva in June this year, the U.S. Government delegate said that in the provinces of China where there is no Japanese influence, a sincere effort has been made to reduce the production of raw opium and this effort has met with surprising success. Where Japanese influence advances in the Far East, the drug traffic "goes with it." The production of both opium and other more dangerous narcotics in Manchuria has increased tremendously since the provinces came under Japanese influence.

It should be noted that in Japan vigorous measures are enforced against opium smoking and indulgence in similar drugs, but in foreign territory where Japan has taken over control it is fully recognised, and the infamous traffic actively encouraged and protected.

PHILIPPINE CLIPPER

Passengers Leaving To-day

Among the passengers leaving to-day at 8.30 a.m. by the Pan-American air liner, Philippine Clipper, are:

Mr. Sun Chi-ting, a son of Dr. Sun Fo, Chinese political leader, who is proceeding to further his studies at the University of California;

Mr. William Pawley, a well-known resident of Shanghai and a close friend of Dr. H. H. Kung, Chairman of the Central Executive Council;

Mr. Cordy, a distinguished geologist of Los Angeles, and Mr. E. R. Ellis, staff reporter of "The Hong Kong Daily Press," proceeding to Manila at the invitation of the Pan-American Airways.

The Company has extended similar invitations to representatives of the local English and Chinese press.

COMMUNISM IN CHINA

December 12, 1937

So much capital has been, and is being made, out of the allegedly communistic leanings of the Chinese Government and people that it is important to examine this matter in order to clear up the situation to those who may have been impressed and misled by such falsehoods. Persistent efforts have been made by Japan's apologists to represent the Kuomintang and the Comintern as being alike, and the complete destruction of the Chinese political party has been declared to be among Japan's present war aims.

It will be shown that the Kuomintang is as free from Communistic influence as the Nazi party, the Fascists, and the Japanese Government itself. Prince Konoye, the Japanese Premier, recently stated that it is a moral mission imposed upon Japan by her political structure and national policy "to prevent and suppress the evils of Communism." Japanese diplomats and business men, political leaders and journalists, pointed out that the wrong tactics had been adopted in relations with China, and that Japanese militarists were provoking hostility among the Chinese. Before taking office Prince Konoye recognised that the so-called "dual diplomacy" by Japan's soldiers and diplomats, instead of improving relationships, was having a very detrimental effect; now that he is Premier he discreetly forgets the part his countrymen played in creating bad feeling and pretends it was the "machinations" of the Comintern which led to the disastrous clash that has brought death and destruction to a nation struggling for rejuvenation.

If a serious danger to a nation's peace and security is apprehended, it is the duty of any Government to adopt such safeguards as appear necessary. This is precisely what was done by China when it was recognised, in 1927, that the Communists in the Republic were actively engaged in working against the national Government, whereupon they were expelled from the Kuomintang and the whole movement put under nation-wide proscription—as, of course, Japan is well aware. General Chiang Kai-shek—who of all men in the world should have known exactly how grave the Communist "menace" was, seeing that he was engaged in suppressing their activities in November last year declared that the dispersal of the surviving remnants in the North-West of the Communist forces was exclusively a domestic affair, and would never be affected by outside influences or international politics.

On August 21, 1937, while Japanese troops were fighting in "self-defence" in North China—a treaty of Non-Aggression was concluded between China and Soviet Russia. The provisions of this agreement consisted merely of mutual assurance of non-aggression and non-assistance to any aggressor who might attack either signatory. Vigorous attempts were made to represent this pact as affording new proof of secret understanding between the Kuomintang (as represented by the Chinese Government) and the Comintern (as represented by the Soviet Union). The fact was forgotten that Soviet Russia already had various agreements with other countries, none of which are favourably inclined towards Communism. Is not Japan's attitude in dividing China into small autonomous puppet states breeding the very incubus which will produce the empty rice bowl—and Communism?

SIR WALTER CITRINE MAY VISIT SPAIN

Paris, Dec. 11.
Sir Walter Citrine, General Secretary of the British Trades Union Congress, may shortly visit Spain.

This was revealed yesterday when an announcement was made that the International Federation of Trade Unions is considering sending a delegation to Spain in order to "restore unity among the General Workers Union."

In addition to Sir Walter Citrine, the delegation is likely to consist of M. Leon Jouhaux, Secretary-General of the French Trade Unions, and M. Schevenne, the Belgian Trade Union leader.—*Transocean.*

UNPRECEDENTED VIOLENCE

Paris, Dec. 11.
The present period is merely the quiet before the storm, and the war is approaching the final and decisive phase," says a proclamation issued by the Spanish Government.

"Madrid, in particular, must expect attacks of unprecedented violence in the near future."—*Transocean.*

Japan Won't Recognise Government

Berlin, Dec. 10.
The news that the Japanese Cabinet will not recognise Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's Government after the fall of Nanking is published here without comment.

It is reliably understood that the German Government is not likely to follow the Japanese example.—*Reuter.*

HAPSBURG'S ESTATES RESTORED

Vienna Dec. 12: The Austrian Cabinet has approved the restoration of the 11 estates to the Hapsburg family. This is the second restoration made to the Royal family.—*Reuter.*

FOUND IN HOLD

Two Chinese Attempt To Stowaway

Found in No. 1 hold on board the Blue Funnel steamer Neelus at Hoi's Wharf early on Saturday morning, two unemployed Chinese, Li Shui, 30, and Chung Yau, 21, were charged before Mr. K. Keen at the Kowloon Magistracy later in the day with attempting to stow away and obtain a passage without consent.

They explained that they wanted to get to Singapore and had not the money to pay for the passage. Fines of \$20, or one month's imprisonment were imposed.

INSURGENTS OFFENSIVE

Barcelona, Dec. 12.
The Nationalists, using every available man, have launched attacks from three directions on the Republican positions near the River Ebro, on the Aragon front.

Meanwhile, Madrid yesterday was again heavily shelled.—*Transocean.*

HUNAN WELCOMES INVESTMENTS

Lowered Imports Should Stimulate Native Industry

Changsha, Dec. 12: Stressing the importance of economic development in protracted warfare, General Chang Chih-chung, new Chairman of the Hunan Provincial Government, expressed his hearty welcome to Shanghai industrialists to invest their money in productive enterprises in Hunan in a press interview to-day.

General Chang said that the Provincial Government would do everything in their power to help new industrial enterprises in Hunan, a province with abundant natural resources and human labour. He emphasized that the industrialists should seize the present opportunity of the scarcity of imports on account of war situation to develop industries in the interior.—*Central News.*



Mr. William Francis Kerr and Miss Margaret Mackenzie as they appeared after their wedding at the Peak Church. (Photo, Cheng Studio)

Letters To The Editor

CHINESE ART EXHIBITION

(To the Editor, "The Hong Kong Daily Press")

Sir,—On behalf of the University and of the University Chinese Society I would like to make a public expression of our gratitude to:—Mr. Mok Kon San, Mr. Wong Shing Tsang, Mr. Chan Man Chi, Mr. Hsiao Shau Min, Mr. Li Shueing Ming, Mr. Chan Shu Kai, Mr. Lam Kwai Shing, Mr. Ho Koon Ng, Mr. Cheung Chung Yuk, Mr. Poon Hee, Mr. Wong Piu Yuk, Mr. Fok Chi Ting, "Sheung Ling Ku," "Shan Tsun Chai," Mr. Li King Hong, Mr. Yip Chi Chow, Mr. Siu Hon Sam, Mr. Leung Kiu Wai, Mr. Wong Wing Yu, Mr. Liu Ta Ho, Miss Chan Pick Yu, "Fu Koo Chai," Mr. Lo Sai Fong, Mr. Hsu Kung Ling, Professor Hsu Ti-shan, Mrs. Hsu Ti-shan, Mr. Ma Kiam, Mr. Chan Kwan Po, Miss Kun I, and Mr. Chung Mo Lan, for the loan of objects of very great artistic value for the Exhibition of Chinese Art which was held in the Fung Ping Shan Library of the University from the December 1 to 8.

It was a surprise even to those who knew the value of the artistic treasures of the Colony to realize how much superlatively good work is in the private collections of the Colony.

The University hopes that this is merely the first of many exhibitions to which Chinese collectors will lend their treasures.

D. J. SLOSS

(Vice-Chancellor)

WEDDING BELLS

Kerr—Mackenzie

A very pretty wedding took place at the Peak Church on Saturday when Miss Margaret Mary Grant Mackenzie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Mackenzie, of "Inverallan," Carrbridge, Inverness-shire, Scotland, became the bride of Mr. William Francis Kerr, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Kerr.

The bride looked charming in a gown of white crepe and carried a bouquet of white tuber roses as she entered the church on the arm of Mr. W. J. Anderson who gave her away, while the bridegroom's sister, Miss P. Kerr, attended in the capacity of a bridesmaid. Mr. N. Drummond was best man.

The Rev. H. W. Baines, of St. John's Cathedral, officiated in the ceremony, after which the newlyweds adjourned to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Anderson, No. 292, The Peak, where a reception was held.

The honeymoon is to be spent at Fanling.

REGISTRY WEDDING

A quiet wedding took place at the Registry of Marriages, Supreme Court yesterday, when Miss Leung Soo, became the bride of Mr. Ernest William Lawson, mariner.

The ceremony was performed by Mr. W. Aneurin Jones, Deputy Registrar of Marriages, in the presence of Mrs. C. Farrell and Mr. L. E. Falne.

ITALY AND THE LEAGUE

Germany Endorses Decision

Berlin, Dec. 12.
In connection with the Italian withdrawal from the League, General Goering's newspaper, the National Zeitung, of Essen, points to the "world political triangle" of Germany, Italy and Japan," as the new combination of nations, adding, the League is now nothing more than an institution representing the interests of the old world, namely, Britain, France and Soviet Russia. Italy's exodus from the League is not an important factor, but the emphasis which is laid on the world political triangle will show the owners of the world that the era of insisting on one's property and denying every other nation its vital rights is steadily approaching its end."

Nazi Germany agrees wholeheartedly with Italy's step, and Germany believes that new peace organizations are growing up destined to take the League's place in the form of the Anti-Comintern Pact.—*Reuter.*

LONDON UNMOVED

Comment in well-informed circles in London is not unduly preoccupied by Signor Mussolini's speech.

The intention of the Italian Government to leave the League had already been anticipated, and the final decision to do so is regarded as little more than de-

jure recognition of a de facto situation, as, in fact, Italy had not taken part in meetings of the League since May, 1936.

There was never any disposition in London to regard the Italian decision to leave the League as due to pressure on the part of either Germany or Japan, as there was no apparent reason why they should wish to intervene. On the contrary, the view held here is that the Italian Government reached its decision from purely domestic considerations and difficulties, and for that reason there is no inclination to attach undue significance to the action taken. In any event, this decision will in no way affect the policy of the British Government.—*Reuter.*

PANCHEN LAMA'S FUNERAL

Chungking, Dec. 12: The remains of the late Panchen Lama, spiritual dignitary of Tibet, will be removed from Iyekundo, Chinghai, to Kankang, capital of Sikong, it is learned from local official circles.

The National Government has issued instructions to both the Chinghai and Sikong Provincial Governments to make adequate preparations for his funeral, whilst a telegram of condolence has been sent by Mr. Lin Sen, Chairman of the National Government.—*Central News.*

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE

The Annual General Meeting of the Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children will be held on Monday, 13th December, at 5.30 P.M. at the Helena May Institute.

His Excellency the Governor and Lady Northcote will be present.

All are welcome.

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SANDAKAN LIGHT & POWER CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the FIFTEENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Head Office of the Company, Bank of East Asia Building, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, 29th December, 1937, at 12 o'clock, noon.

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

The Thirteenth Extra Race Meeting will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on Saturday, 18th December, 1937, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN, Secretary

Hong Kong, 13th Dec., 1937.

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Air Raid Precautions

China Fleet Club Theatre

Monday, 13th December, 1937 at 5.30 p.m.

Subject:—Effects and characteristics of, and measures for protection against, incendiary bombs and fire

Lecturer:—Mr. J. C. Fitz-Henry, Superintendent of the Hong Kong Fire Brigade.

Open to all members of the Public without charge.

Programmes of the course of lectures may be obtained on application to the Extra Assistant Colonial Secretary, Colonial Secretary's Office.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE

Owing to Miss Violet Capell being in hospital there will be no Dancing classes until further notice.

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Major Part Of China's Army Intact

Hankow, Dec. 11.
"Chinese troops will not abandon Nanking," declared a spokesman of the Chinese Foreign Office to-day, denying rumours to the contrary.

The troops at Nanking, he declared, were actually being reinforced.

Only a few divisions are in or around the capital at the present time, since the greater part of the Chinese forces retired south of Nanchang.

The major portion of the Chinese army, therefore, is practically intact, and there is no question of surrender when Nanking falls.

Wild rumours are current in Hankow in view of the poor communication with the capital, as since occasionally telephonic and telegraphic messages get through. It is entirely impossible to receive adequate information on the actual facts.—

SOUTH AMERICAN DISPUTE ENDED

San Jose, Dec. 12: The threat of hostilities over the boundary dispute between Honduras and Nicaragua is removed; both powers having signed a peace protocol providing for immediate withdrawal of their troops from the frontier and cessation of arms purchases. They also undertake to reach a pacific solution to the dispute.—*Reuter.*

GERMAN CLERGY LOSES VOICE

Berlin, Dec. 12: Evangelical Church leaders have been deprived of the administration of the church affairs, according to a decree whereby the German Minister of Churches will retain the financial and administrative affairs of the church, but the question of faith and worship is left in the hands of church leaders. The Government asserts that the decree will restore order in the Evangelical Church.—*Reuter.*

TOKYO CABINET'S WAR DECISION

Tokyo, Dec. 12.
The Cabinet has accepted the resolution passed by the Five Minister conference to continue military operations after fall of Nanking.

Japan regards General Chiang Kai-shek as being responsible for the present situation.

He will therefore no longer be recognised by Japan. Japan will not negotiate with him but will support movements in north and central China for formation of a new government.—*Transocean.*

STRONG CHINESE RESISTANCE OF NANKING SURPRISES JAPANESE

ARMY SPOKESMAN ADMITS GREAT DIFFICULTY OF UNDERTAKING

ALL-NIGHT ATTACK FAILS TO BREAK DOWN STUBBORN DEFENCES

SHANGHAI, DECEMBER 12. IT IS SEMI-OFFICIALLY REPORTED THAT SOME JAPANESE TROOPS CROSSED THE YANGTSE AT A POINT BETWEEN NANKING AND WUHU AND ARE NOW ADVANCING TO FUKOW. THE SUCCESS OF SUCH AN OPERATION WILL COMPLETELY ISOLATE THE CHINESE FORCES IN NANKING.

ALTHOUGH JAPAN IS CELEBRATING THE SUCCESS OF HER TROOPS, NANKING CITY IS FAR FROM FALLEN. A JAPANESE ARMY SPOKESMAN ADMITTED THAT THE CAPTURE OF THE CITY IS BY NO MEANS AN EASY TASK AND SAID IT IS ENCLOSED BY A WALL FIFTY FEET HIGH AND THIRTY-THREE FEET WIDE, AND A DEEP MOAT SIXTY-SIX FEET WIDE.

Tokyo: It is considered here that the triumphal Japanese entry into Nanking has been postponed from Sunday, possibly to Monday. Lull in the news from Nanking is presumed to indicate that the Japanese attack is progressing slowly. Japanese troops operating south of Nanking are reported to be advancing rapidly on Fukow in order to cut off the last avenue of retreat from the capital. These troops are stated to have crossed the Yangtse under cover of darkness last night.

After all night machine-gun and artillery duels, the Japanese forces besieging Nanking launched a fresh attack at daybreak in an attempt to smash the Chinese resistance, whose unexpectedly strong stand is making the Japanese task much more difficult and costly than anticipated. Reinforcements from points east of Nanking are being rushed to support the attackers.

A Japanese army spokesman admitted that the Chinese were putting up a bitter resistance. According to Japanese reports, the troops who were reported to have crossed the Yangtse yesterday at a point between Nanking and Wuhu are making good progress in their attempt to reach Fukow. Success this morning would isolate the Chinese defenders in Nanking and expose them to attack from the rear.—*Reuter*.

Japan Sends More Men To Shansi

Renewed Operations Foreshadowed After Lull In North

Linfen, Dec. 12: Large Japanese reinforcements have arrived at Taiyuan, capital of Shansi, presumably for a renewed southward invasion of Shansi, military advisers reaching here to-day indicate.

Traffic on the Chengtai Railway has been resumed by the Japanese after the completion of repairs to the damaged track.—*Central News*.

DISGUISED GUERRILLA TROOPS

Linfen, Dec. 12: Disguised as coal-carriers, a party of Chinese guerrilla troops filtered into Hsichow, southwest of Shouyeng on the Chengtai Railway and made a surprise attack on the Japanese troops stationed there recently, inflicting a number of casualties on them and seizing many rifles, a report just received here reveals.—*Central News*.

CITY GATES CLOSED

Linfen, Dec. 12: After suffering several reverses at the hands of Chinese mobile units, the Japanese troops at points around Shouyeng, have been withdrawn into the city and barred the city gates, a military report states.

Attacked by Chinese mobile units from three sides, a detachment of Japanese troops at An-chiang in the vicinity of Shouyeng, suffered more than 300 casualties and the loss of 60 rifles and a number of horses a few days ago. They were compelled to withdraw into the city together with other Japanese units.—*Central News*.

PING-HAN LULL

Peiping, Dec. 12. On the Peiping-Hankow Railway front Japan has contented herself with forming the "Autonomous Honan Provincial Government" at Changteh, just south of the Hopei border. No military operations are reported in this sector at this time.

In Shansi Chinese reports claim far-flung Japanese columns have suffered serious setbacks below Taiyuanfu. The Japanese denied this claim strenuously but have been almost completely reticent about Shansi developments since the fall of Taiyuanfu nearly a month ago. They admit their communications are shaky, involving delays in replenishing supplies.

The Japanese say the Tatung-Taiyuanfu highway through the mountains is still open but Chinese

reports reiterate Communist troops still occupy the passes for sniping purposes and at times have wiped out Nippon motor caravans.

On the East Shansi narrow-gauge railway, the Japanese captured three locomotives and less than 100 cars, according to Japanese returning from the area. The region, they said, is overrun with armed remnants of the Chinese army. The remaining rolling stock is behind the Chinese lines somewhere in South Shansi.—*International News Agency*.

ORGANISING IRREGULAR TROOPS

Linfen, Dec. 12: Upon the instigation of the Japanese, Wong Ying, notorious bandit chieftain, is recruiting able-bodied men at Taiyuan to organize more "Manchukuo" irregular units.

Two divisions of "Manchukuo" irregular troops under the command of Li Shou-hsin have been sent to Paotao to reinforce the Japanese garrison there. Strong defence works have been constructed outside the city gates.

Li himself has proceeded to Suiyuan on an unknown mission.—*Central News*.

8TH ROUTE ARMY

Sinhsiang, Honan, Dec. 12. Quiet reigns on the entire North China front, according to Chinese reports which state that the Japanese are busily engaged in setting up political administrations in occupied territory, and also in meeting the repeated attacks of Chinese mobile units belonging to the 8th Route Army, also under the command of Gen. Sun Tien-ying.

Japanese troops in South Shansi, according to these same reports, have withdrawn to eastern Shansi and northern Shansi to protect the Peiping-Suiyuan, Peiping-Hankow and Chengtai Railways.

JAPANESE HARASSED

The 8th Route Army, totalling between 50,000 and 60,000 men, are scattered amongst the Taihanshan mountains on the Hopei, Honan, and Shansi borders, and also in the vicinity of the Liangtssekan passes.

Gen. Sun Tien-ying's troops, totalling 15,000 men, are scattered on the north and south banks of the Huto River, also in the vicinity of Hsintangminkou, Shuihshichwang and Shunthet.

These Chinese mobile units, which hide in the daytime and raid at night, are giving the greatest trouble to the Japanese.

The only activity on the North China front are confined to Japanese aircraft, which are daily bombing Chinese positions.—*Reuter*.

Italy Deserts League

MUSSOLINI MAKES ANNOUNCEMENT

ROME, DECEMBER 12. SIGNOR MUSSOLINI HAS ANNOUNCED THAT ITALY IS LEAVING THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

The announcement was made from the balcony of the Palazzo Venezia to a cheering crowd of one hundred thousand. The Duce said he was making an important announcement for the history of "our Italy and our revolution." The good intentions of a certain government were frowned upon, as their delegates entered into contact with the fatal surroundings of the Sanhedrin of Geneva which was manoeuvred by hidden and shady sources, prejudicial to Italy.

In these conditions our presence at the door of Geneva is no longer tolerable. Our doctrine, and the style and temperament of our soldiers have perished. The hour has approached when it is necessary to make a choice. Are we to remain inside the League?

There were shouts of "no." Are we to go out? shouts of "yes."

NO PRESSURE

The Duce said: We are moving forward and away without regret from a tottering temple where men do not work for peace but for war. He emphatically denied that any pressure was put on Italy to determine their attitude. Our comrades of the axis Berlin-Tokyo have shown absolute discretion. This is the truth.

The withdrawal of Italy from the League of Nations is an event of great historical importance which has drawn the attention of the world and whose consequences cannot yet be foreseen. It is not for this that we shall abandon our fundamental line of policy which aims at collaboration and peace.

PROUD BOAST

The Duce said that during the last few days "we offered luminous proof by creating peace in the Adriatic (apparently referring to the Italo-Yugoslav understanding) and the threatening voices which have been raised from time to time, and will perhaps be again raised from the flocks of great democracies leave us perfectly indifferent. They can do nothing against a people like the Italians who are capable of any sacrifices. We have the arms of sky, land and sea, numerous and tempered by two victorious wars, but above all we have the heroic spirit of revolution which no force in the world will ever be able to bend.—*Reuter*.

THE RESIGNATION

Rome, Dec. 12. Count Ciano sent a telegram to the Secretary-General of the League as follows: "Following the decisions of the Grand Fascist Council, I have to inform you that as from December 11, 1937, Italy leaves the League of Nations."—*Reuter*.

JAPANESE AT CHANGTEH RESUME ATTACK

Hsinhsiang, Dec. 11: After a long lull, the Japanese troops at Changteh on the Peiping-Hankow Railway in north Honan have renewed their attack on Chinese positions. It is learned from military sources.

Repeated Japanese offensives by the Japanese, however, have been repelled by the Chinese defenders whose positions remain intact.—*Central News*.

JAPAN WON'T RISK CAPTURE OF HANKOW

Viscount Ishii Quotes Napoleon's Moscow Tragedy

"BUT WILL REMAIN IN NANKING"

London, Dec. 12. Viscount Ishii, in an interview with the "Sunday Times," stated that Japan had no territorial aims in China or in respect of Chinese islands such as Hainan, and would continue to respect both the rights and interests of foreign Powers in China as long as those Powers maintained an attitude of strict neutrality. These were the two cardinal points of Japanese policy.

"I am convinced that with the fall of Nanking the Japanese armies will not pursue Chiang Kai-shek further into the interior of China. To do so would be to court the disaster that befell Napoleon at Moscow, but Japan must remain in occupation of Nanking until a settlement is reached with Chiang Kai-shek. The local Chinese administrations will continue to be left in control wherever they are willing to co-operate with Japan, but if Chiang Kai-shek refuses to come to terms the Japanese military occupation will have to be continued and funds will have to be raised by taxation to support the Army. I am sure that for the sake of China, it is not in his personal interests, Chiang will, before long, be compelled to sue for peace."

A FRIENDLY CHINA

Viscount Ishii added that Chiang Kai-shek had now established very close relations with Russia, but Russia could assist Chiang only by air as it would take months to convey Russian arms to Chungking.

"Without arms and money Chiang was bound in time to give up the fight, but may remain as the spearhead of communism in China though I will not say he is a communist himself," said the Viscount. Regarding Russia, Viscount Ishii admitted that here lay Japan's chief military preoccupation although he thought Russia's internal dissensions at present prevented her playing a strong hand in the Far East.

Questioned re foreign rights and interest in China, Viscount Ishii told the "Sunday Times" service on foreign loans secured on the customs and land regulations dating back to 1842 on which the authority of the Shanghai Municipal Council rested, would continue to be respected by Japan. He added that the entire Chinese nation at present was hostile to Japan and Chinese merchants dared not trade with Japanese, but he was convinced trade would revive with the establishment of peace.

Viscount Ishii thought China might in the future change her feelings towards Japan. Japan's sole aim was to create a friendly China. This applied to all China.

WARNING TO FRANCE

Proceeding, Viscount Ishii said Japan had no legal grounds for asking the Powers not to sell arms to China. Since war had not been declared and belligerent rights had not been claimed, but France had been informed that if transit of arms through French Indo China continued, Japan might be compelled to bomb French railways running from Hanoi across the border northwards to Yunnan and eastward to Nanning.

The "Sunday Times" Diplomatic Correspondent states there is little doubt Viscount Ishii was speaking at the interview with the full authority of the Tokyo Government and adds that the difficulties of

his mission here are obvious. The people here will not soon forget the shooting of Sir Hughie Knatchbull-Hugessen, the killing of British soldiers who had not committed any offence against Japan, the bombing of British ships engaged in peaceful commerce, and the destruction of British property ashore.

"The long view rather than the short one is taken on the chances of China maintaining her independence. It is still believed that in the end Chinese nationalism will emerge triumphant over military disaster."

The correspondent adds that the renewal of Japanese assurance in respect of foreign rights and interests in China is welcomed here, but it was felt that the proof of the pudding is in the eating.—*Reuter*.

PUPPET STATES

That Japan should have no territorial aims in China makes it obvious that she intends to create puppet administrations after the model of Manchukuo, adds the "Sunday Times" Diplomatic Correspondent. This will be an expensive task and the inevitable aftermath of increased taxation, rising prices and probably loss of trade may prove an intolerable burden.

With regard to Viscount Ishii's use of the phrase "strict neutrality," the diplomatic correspondent states: "It is permissible to ask whether, in the event of Japan successfully setting up puppet administrations in Peiping, Tientsin, Shanghai and Nanking, which Great Britain would refuse to recognize, Japan would consider this 'strict neutrality' had been compromised. Important issues will be involved if Britain one day were faced with the question whether or not to recognise further changes in China when Chiang Kai-shek was still in control of Canton and the South. There is the further difficulty that recognition of territorial changes must, so long as Britain remains at Geneva, be made within the framework of the League.—*Reuter*.

SOVIET ELECTION SENSATION

Moscow, Dec. 12. A sensation has been caused by the news that M. Mezhlank, deputy president of the Council of Peoples Commissars, has been erased from the list of election candidates and replaced by M. Krenkel, wireless operator of the Soviet Arctic expedition, now on a drifting iceflo.

Newspapers and speakers from radio stations throughout the country are urging a hundred per cent poll, extolling the Soviet system and emphasising M. Stalin's contributions to world peace and urging a merciless war against Fascism and Trotskyism.—*Reuter*.

WAR DEBT TALKS

London, Dec. 12. Communications between the American and British Governments relating to British war debt were issued last night as a White Paper.

In acknowledging the American Secretary of State's notice of the amounts due, Sir Ronald Lindsay, British Ambassador, renews the assurance that "His Majesty's Government will be willing to reopen discussions on the subject whenever circumstances are such as to warrant the hope that a satisfactory result might be reached."—*British Wireless*.

MILLION HUNANESE WILL BE TRAINED

Three-Point War-Time Student Programme

Changsha, Dec. 12: One million people in Hunan will have undergone war-time training within half a year, if a programme just mapped out by the provincial authorities is successfully carried out.

According to the programme, 3,400 middle school students, and 400 college students will be selected and subjected to a period of war-time training. Afterwards they will be sent to different districts and municipalities to help the local authorities in giving similar training to the masses.

Such training, the programme provides, will have three phases, military training, spiritual training and productive training.—*Central News*.

MORALE HIGH

Hankow, Dec. 12. How long the Chinese will be able to withstand the Japanese attack is difficult to estimate. The morale of the Chinese forces is high, said General Tang Sheng-chih, who adds that in the event of Japanese troops entering Nanking the Chinese will find themselves in a better position to offer resistance because the further the



NOTICE

The following trains are temporarily suspended until further notice—

	Morning Express	Mid-day Fast Train
Kowloon dep.	8.35 a.m.	12.45 p.m.
Canton arr.	11.30 a.m.	4.08 p.m.
Canton dep.	8.15 a.m.	1.40 p.m.
Kowloon arr.	11.10 a.m.	4.30 p.m.

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LIVE BOMBS USED IN MANOEUVRES

Tsingtao, Dec. 12: Live bombs have been used by Japanese planes during air manoeuvres in the suburbs of Tientsin in the last few days, a message from Tientsin states.—*Central News*.

"STILL PREMATURE"

Tokyo, Dec. 12. Despite the victories of the Japanese troops in the Nanking area and the fact that the capture of the Chinese capital forms the major objective, it is "still premature" for the nation to conclude that the Sino-Japanese conflict has reached the final stage, the Japanese army authorities declare. They voiced the hope that the nation would not be "too much elated" over the victories in the Nanking direction.

Attention is drawn to the fact in Japan that the realisation of whole-hearted co-operation with the Chinese is one of her paramount desires—this will depend on the future strenuous efforts of the Japanese nation.

The military authorities expressed the desire that the people would honour the souls of the war dead now enshrined in the Yasukuni Shrine and comfort the sick and wounded rather than indulge in celebrations.—*Reuter*.

PEOPLE DRIVEN FROM CITY

Ningpo, Dec. 12. Japanese air raids have driven the people from the city into the neighbouring rural district, Chinese sources declare. A general exodus from Ningpo began last month when Japanese aircraft made frequent raids on Chekiang. The commercial district of Ningpo near the East Gate is practically deserted as most people have gone to the countryside and only a few shops remain open.—*Reuter*.

NO HOLIDAYS

Hankow, Dec. 12. In view of the present emergency, henceforth no holidays will be given for public functions in the various subordinate organs, according to instructions issued by the Executive Yuan. All offices must function as usual on Sundays and other holidays.—*Reuter*.

Japanese advance the more difficulties they will encounter.—*Reuter*.

REINFORCEMENTS BEING SENT TO TAIHU LAKE AREA

Hangchow, Dec. 12: More Chinese reinforcements are being sent from Changching to Wusheng on the south bank of Taihu Lake, where the Chinese troops are closing in on the Japanese in an attempt to dislodge them.

It is estimated that about 10,000 Japanese troops are now concentrated on the Wusheng front, which extends from Wusheng southward to Linghu. Meanwhile, Chinese defence works in and around Hangchow have been strengthened as a precaution against attack from the Japanese.—*Central News*.

CHINESE FORCES RECAPTURE TANGYI

Tsinan, Dec. 12: After two days' occupation by the Japanese troops, Tangyi on the west Shantung border was recaptured by the Chinese forces yesterday, a report just received here states.

Advancing from three directions the Chinese forces enveloped the city and engaged the Japanese in a bitter engagement. Sustaining heavy casualties, the Japanese finally broke through the Chinese cordon and retreated to Kuanhsien, west of Tangyi.—*Central News*.

JAPANESE BOMBERS RAID SIAM

Siam, Dec. 12: Continuing to carry their raiding activities into the inland provinces, another fleet of 12 Japanese heavy bombers launched an unsuccessful attack on Siam late this afternoon.

Shortly after the planes were sighted heading for the Siam capital, Chinese pursuit planes took to the air while the anti-aircraft guns opened barrage on the invading machines. After flying over the city, the planes were driven away, dropping scores of bombs on the western outskirts of the city. The "all-clear" signal was given at 8.20 p.m.—*Central News*.

STALIN'S INVITATION TO SPANISH PREMIER

Moscow, Dec. 12. Stalin has issued a personal invitation to the former Spanish Premier, Senor Largo Caballero, to visit Moscow. Senor Caballero at present is in Paris conferring with French Trade Union leaders.—*Transocean*.

YACHT CLUB GAINS NARROW WIN

Yesterday's Races Against Navy

In arrears by 35 points after the morning race, the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club scored 72 points. In the afternoon race to win by the narrow margin of four points against the Royal Navy team yesterday.

The Navy team were the guests of the Commodore of the R.H.K.Y. Club (Mr. E. Cock) and the Club team at lunch.

Officers of the day were Capt. C. B. Barry, R.N., and the Commodore of the Yacht Club, while the official time keeper was C.P.O. Cooper, R.N.

The morning course was shortened at 12.15 p.m. and the afternoon course was shortened at 4.30 p.m. The morning race was over a distance of 4 miles and the afternoon race covered 6.6 miles.

Detailed results were as follows, the observers in each yacht being given in brackets:—

MORNING RACE

Royal Navy	Pts.
A1. Lt.-Cdr. Pugh (G. G. Wood)	12
A5. Lt. Willmott (G. V. T. Marshall)	8
A7. Lt. Medd (C. T. Davis)	7
A9. Sqd. Ldr. Woodhall (A. L. Shields)	13
A11. Lt.-Comdr. Hall (Major Dixon)	5
A15. Capt. Barry (E. Cock)	15
A18. Lt. Gardner (Dr. L. J. Davis)	10
Total	70

R.H.K. Yacht Club

R.N.R. Yacht Club		P
A2. J. Gifford Hull	(Lt.-Comdr. Lamb)	0
A4. J. Johnson (Lt. Whitworth)		11
A6. H. S. Rouse	(Cmder. Disbrowe)	9
A8. R. J. Minnitt	(Lt. Bromley-Martin)	3
A10. D. W. Wagstaff	(Lt.-Cdr. Graves)	4
A12. J. R. L. Stanton	(Lt.-Cdr. Sprague)	6
A14. L. Garner	(Flight-Lt. Gaskell)	2
Total		35

AFTERNOON RACE

R.H.K. Yacht Club

A1, G. G. Wood (Lt.-Cdr. Pugh)	13
A5, G. V. T. Marshall (Lt. Willmott)	8
A7, C. T. Davis (Lt. Medd)	8
A9, A. L. Shields (Sqn. Ldr. Woodhall)	10
A11, Major Dixon (Lt.-Comdr. Hall)	9
A15, E. Cock (Capt. Barry)	11
A16, Dr. L. J. Davis (Lt. Gardiner)	15
Total	72
Morning Pts.	35
Grand Total	107

Royal Navy

A2. Lt.-Comdr. Lamb	(J. Gifford Hull)
A4. Lt. Whitworth	(J. Johnson)
A6. Cmder. Disbrowe	(H. S. Rouse)
A8. Bromley-Martin	(R. J. Minnitt)
A10. Lt.-Cdr. Graves	(D. W. Wagstaff)
A12. Lt.-Cdr. Sprague	(J. R. L. Stanton)
A14. Flight Lt. Gaskell	(L. Garner)

*-DNF.

SATURDAY'S YACHT RACING

Races in the 2nd Corinthian Series were sailed by the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club on Saturday, the results being as follows:—

"H" CLASS

Finished Cor. Pos.	Pts.
Diana	16.50.47 16.50.47 2 8
Colleen	17.06.25 17.01.34 4 6
Aerial	16.53.47 16.43.56 1 10
Dorothea	17.04.51 17.01.27 3 7
Artemis	17.52.52 17.32.52 2 13

"A" CLASS

Finished Cor. Pos.	Pts.
Carpenter	17.32.10 17.32.10 8 7
Norfolk II	17.34.20 17.34.20 10 5
Artemis	17.52.52 17.32.52 2 13

"B" CLASS

Finished Cor. Pos.	Pts.
Carpenter	17.32.10 17.32.10 8 7
Norfolk II	17.34.20 17.34.20 10 5
Artemis	17.52.52 17.32.52 2 13

CHILDREN AT PLAY

Christmas Party At Kowloon

The seventh annual children's sports and Christmas party of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club was held on Saturday afternoon on the Club grounds, Mrs. J. E. Henson distributing the prizes.

The children had a most enjoyable time when Santa Claus presented them with Christmas presents.

By kind permission of Lt.-Col. O. H. Tidbury, M.C., and Officers of the 1st Battalion The Middlesex Regiment, the Band supplied appropriate music throughout the afternoon.

At the conclusion of the sports, Mr. F. L. Rapley, Convener, thanked all for contributing to the success of the occasion. Mesdames Sturgeon and Clarke were also thanked for the trouble which they had taken in buying and arranging the prizes. At the conclusion of the distribution of the prizes by Mrs. J. E. Henson, she was accorded a hearty vote of thanks and presented with a bouquet of flowers.

PRIZE WINNERS

The winners of the sporting events were as follows:

Potato race for boys (8-14 years).—1. S. Clarke, 2. T. Balch.

Flat race for girls (8-14 years).—1. F. McKelvie, 2. J. Boyce.

Flat race for girls (4-7 years).—1. D. Armstrong, 2. M. Walker and J. Cave (dead heat).

Boat race for boys (all ages).—1. J. Read, 2. V. Lockhart, 3. C. Millington.

Three-legged race for girls (all ages).—1. K. Patey and M. Terry, 2. N. Blaker and M. White.

Wee Tots race (children under 4 years).—1. K. Armstrong, 2. M. Sheriff.

Flat race for boys (8-14 years).—1. S. Clarke, 2. V. Lockhart.

Competition for members of the band.—1. L. Cpl. Amos, 2. Bandsman, Magderidge.

Egg and spoon race for girls (all ages).—1. J. Sturgeon, 2. L. McKelvie, 3. M. Pickering.

Egg and spoon race for ladies.—1. Mrs. Hyde, 2. Mrs. Millar.

Sack race for boys (8-14 years).—1. S. Clarke, 2. D. Garton.

Skipping race for girls (4-7 years).—1. M. Walker, 2. K. Patey.

Three-legged race for boys (all ages).—1. T. Balch and F. Pethe-ridge, 2. A. Macfarlane and M. Hanlon, and B. Lancaster and V. Lockhart (dead heat).

Flat race for girls (8-14 years).—1. M. White, 2. H. Logan.

Musical Chairs for girls (all ages).—1. I. Cooper, 2. M. Macfarlane, 3. J. Hamilton.

HOCKEY

"The following team will represent the 1st XI of The Hong Kong Hockey Club against the Army in the Triangular Tournament on the Army Ground at Sookunpoo tomorrow at 4.30 p.m."—V. M. Benwell, R. L. Wallace, E. V. Reed, R. A. Bates, W. A. Reed, J. E. Potter, S. Fowler, T. Whitley, G. E. R. Divett (Capt.), B. I. Blackford, V. Bond.

On resumption of play, Lieut. Sawal Khan, the Army and Rajputana Rifles player, equalised but shortly afterwards Pyara Singh, of the Kowloon Indians Tennis Club, gave the Civilians the lead. Before the end, however, the Services rallied and some splendid forward movements saw Sawal Khan again find the net.

In the first period of the extra time, Lieut. Pritam Nath, the brilliant Army and Rajputana Rifles centre-forward, beat Ramzan (K.I.T.C.) to give the Services the lead which, however, was short lived for in the second stanza the Civilians drew level at 3-3. V. C. Bond, the Club left-winger, getting a shot past MacBride, the Services custodian.

The final whistle came with both sides striving hard for the winning goal.

After leading by one goal to nil in the first half the Nomads were defeated by the Kumaon Rifles by three goals to two in a friendly hockey match at the Marina ground yesterday. The game was evenly contested and played at a fast pace throughout.

Territorially the Nomads had the better of exchanges and were not a little unlucky to have lost. The Rifles displayed superior stickwork and their win was well-merited.

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The Fanning Hunt Meet

TRAINING GALLOPS

Times Taken At Happy Valley

The following times were taken during the training gallops at the Race Course yesterday:—

	Dis- tance	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Last
A Great Time	32	1.00.2	1.32.1				29.4
Able Amazon	32.4	1.04.1	1.32				27.4
Voltaire	41	1.18.4	1.51.3				32.4
National Faith	35	1.10.4	1.44				33.1
King's Warden	11	37	1.13.2	1.46.3	2.17	2.48.1	29.1
Soldier of China	1	39.2	1.11.4	1.44.3			30.3
Perfect Day	1	30.2	1.00.1.3	1.31.1	1.58.3		27.2
Ranger	1	45.3	1.23	1.56.1	2.24.3		28.2
Wild Life	3	34	1.06	1.38.3			30.3
Gordito & Good Morning	1	39.2	1.17	1.52.3	2.23.3		31
Blandford	1	35.3	1.09.4	1.40.4	2.09.3		27.4
Jungle Jim & Science View	3	34.1	1.07.4	1.40			32.1
Coronation Day	1	42	1.17.2	1.51.4	2.25		33.1
Sylvandale	1	38.2	1.14.4	1.46.1			31.2
Yum Sing	1	43.3	1.23.3	1.53.4	2.30		36.1
Racing Heart	1	39.2	1.10.2	1.39.2	2.08.2		29
Commencement Bay	1	37.3	1.14.4	1.47.4	2.19.3		31.4
Streamline	1	27.4	58	1.28			30
Lancashire Chips	1	31.4	1.02.3	1.32.3	2.02.1		29.3
Stratherrick	1	36.3	1.08.3	1.38.2	2.03.4		27.2
King's Bounty	1	36	1.08	1.41			32.3
Laughing Cavalier	1	41.2	1.18.3	1.51.1			32.2
Tabby Cat & Plain View	1	36	1.11.2	1.44.2	2.16.4		32.3
Gold Coin	1	42	1.16	1.48.3			32.3
Racing Strain	1	40	1.14.4	1.47.3			28.3
Australian Boy	1	33.2	1.03.2	1.33.2	2.02		32.2
Shipmaster	1	38.2	1.12.2	1.44.4			32.2
Stopwatch & Mac's Adventure	3	47	1.25	1.58.4			33.4
Gold Sovereign	3	37	1.12	1.43.4			31.4

HOCKEY MATCH DRAWN AFTER EXTRA TIME

Lieut. Khan Nets Two Goals

CIVILIANS AND SERVICES

Splendid play was witnessed on the Club ground, King's Park, yesterday afternoon in the annual hockey match between the Combined Services and the Civilians, the final result being a draw of three goals all after extra time had been called.

At the interval the Civilians led by a goal to nil scored by Gur-bachan Singh, of the Radio Sports Club and an Interporter.

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Sporting Fixtures

TO-DAY

Badminton.—"A" Division fixtures.

Football.—Third Division (Hong Kong), 5th Bde. R.A. v. Service Corps (St. Joseph's H.V.), 2.30 p.m.; Police v. Engineers (St. Joseph's), 4 p.m.

Hockey.—Seaforths v. C.B.A. (King's Park).

Meetings.—Referees Association (Gloucester Bldg.), 8 p.m.

Rugby.—Army "A" v. Club "A" (Club ground), 2.45 p.m.

Yachting.—Resall or Sweepstake Races.

TO-MORROW

Hockey.—Triangular Tournament, Club v. Army (Army ground, Sookunpoo), 4.30 p.m.; Seaforths v. Middlesex (Shamshuipo).

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 15

Shooting.—Hong Kong Rifle Association Weekly Spoon and Practice Shoot, Army Range, Kowloon City, 2 p.m.

BUDGE'S LATEST TRIUMPH

Melbourne, Dec. 11.
Donald Budge, the Wimbledon Champion, beat John Bromwich in the final of the men's singles tennis championship of Victoria by scores of 8-6, 6-3, 9-7.—*Reuter's Bulletin Service.*

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE

On the suggestion of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, the title of senior police officers in the Colony is to be changed under the terms of a draft bill published in the "Government Gazette."

The Inspector-General of Police will, in future, be known as the Commissioner of Police, and the Deputy Inspector-General as Deputy Commissioner. Police Probationers will be known as Police Cadets.

The change of title is to take effect as from January 1.—*British.*

LADIES' TENNIS CHAMPIONS

Rose Perry And Mrs. Chiu New Doubles Queens

Miss Rose Perry and Mrs. Chiu Chun-chiu won the final of the Colony Ladies' Doubles by defeating Mrs. A. G. Oliver and Mrs. R. G. Mills by 6-3, 6-0 at the U.S.R.C. on Saturday.

A large number of spectators were present, including H.E. the Governor and Lady Northcote, Capt. Batty-Smith, A.D.C., H.E. Major-Gen. A. W. Bartholomew, Wing-Comdr. W. A. K. Dazell and Mr. Justice R. E. Lindell.

Miss Perry won the Singles title last week by defeating Miss M. Griffiths by 4-6, 6-3, 6-0.

Lady Northcote distributed the prizes to the champions and runners-up in both competitions at the conclusion of Saturday's match.

SCHMELING-THOMAS BOUT

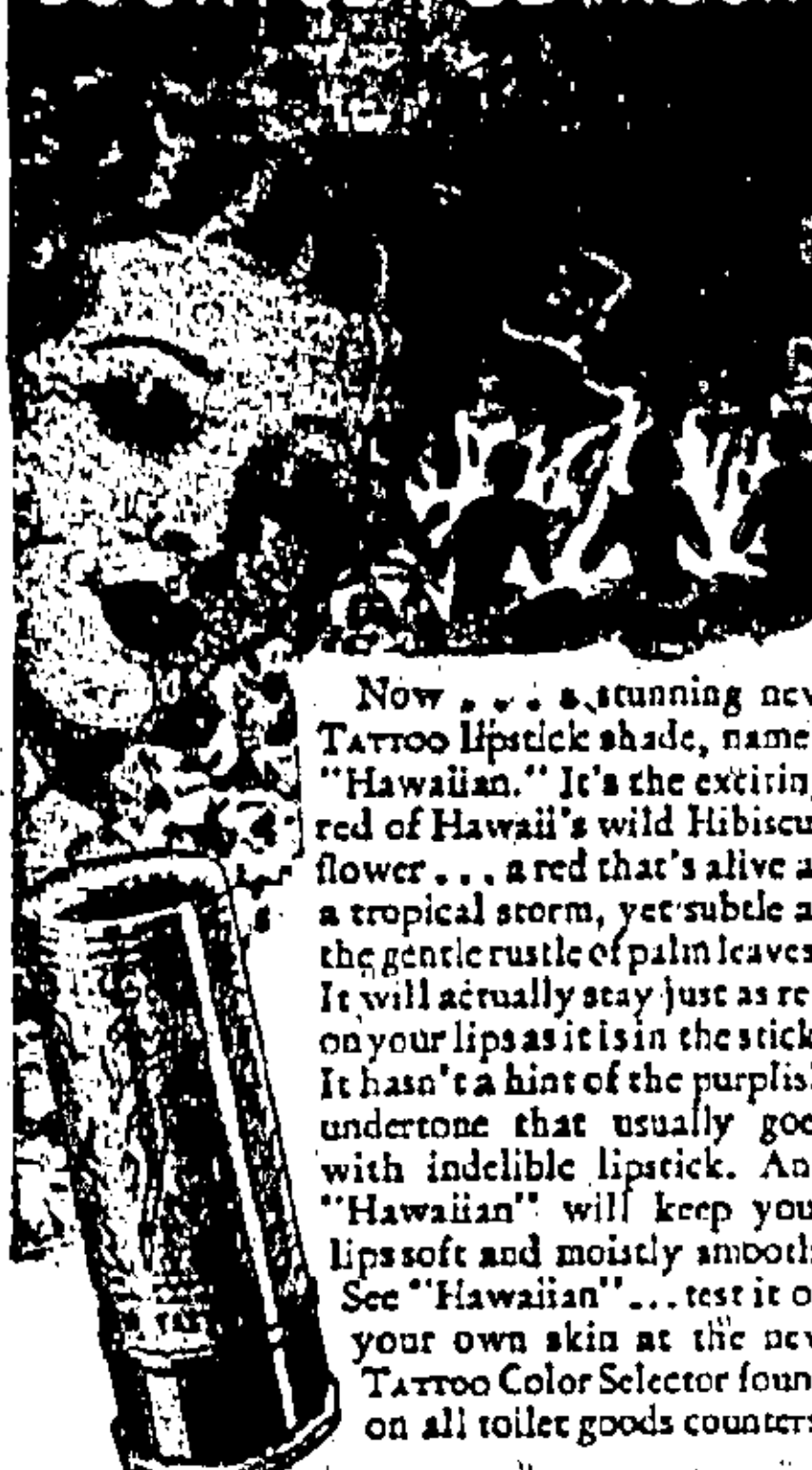
New York, Dec. 12.

Max Schmeling continues to enjoy high odds in betting on the fight between him and the American, Harry Thomas, which is to take place at Madison Square Garden.

Schmeling, stands as 4 to 1 favourite, with the great majority of ring experts predicting a quick K.O. victory for him, though Jack Dempsey maintaining the Thomas' chances of beating the German are by no means slight.—*Transocean.*

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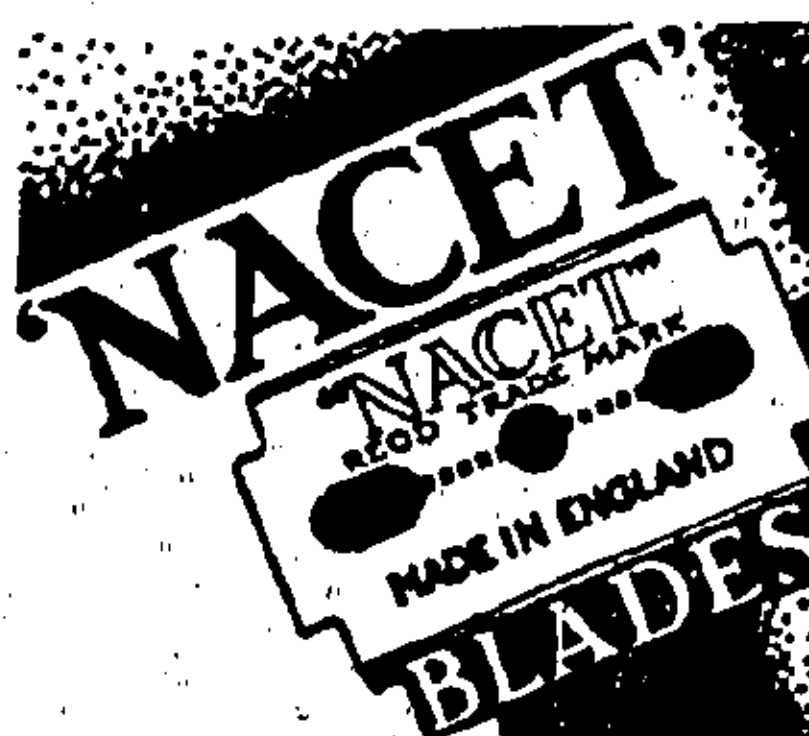


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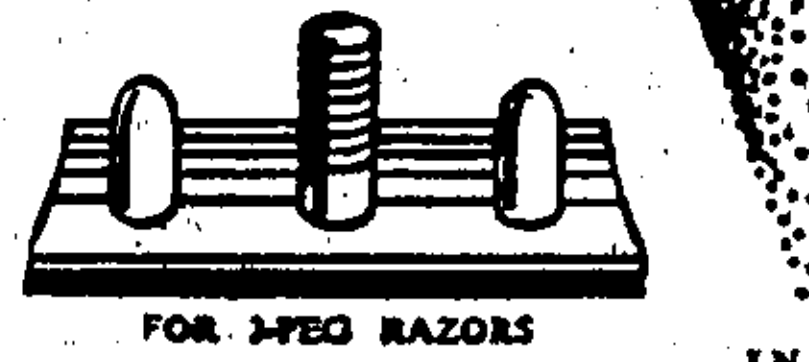


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NAVY WIN
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TOURNAMENT
RUGBY SUCCESS

In a spectacular game on the
Club ground on Saturday, the
Royal Navy won the second match
of the Triangular Rugby Tourna-
ment series to put themselves two
up. The winners led by 11 clear
points at the interval but the Club
staged a fine rally in the second
half and at one time more than
held their own. The Navy came
back however, and the final tally
was 22 points (two goals and four
tries) to 13 points (two goals and
a try).

Lt. Walsham, who played such a
great game in the encounter
against the Army, was again seen
to advantage, and his clever hand-
ling brought rounds of applause.
Lt. Cotman, the regular full-back,
was not available, but Surg.-Lt.
Ellis filled the vacancy ably. For
the losers, J. C. Miller, D. H. Ste-
wart and K. A. Watson performed
well. Teams:—

Club 1st XV:—W. M. MacGrath;
D. H. Stewart, H. D. Bidwell, W. E.
Grieve and H. Van Leeuwen; A. H.
R. Butcher and J. L. Bonnar; K. A.
Watson, K. W. Salter, A. W. Holden;
W. E. Peers, C. F. Needham; J. C.
Miller (Captain), A. J. G. Taylor
and F. A. Redman.

Navy 1st XV:—Surg. Lt. Ellis; A.
B. Northcott Lt. Harvey (Captain),
A. B. Marsh and Sub. Lt. Kyrie;
Lt. Walsham and Lt. Talbot; A. B.
Thatcher, S. B. A. Jones, A. B.
Remans; Sergt. Burston, Lt. May-
don; Lt. Woods, Sub Lt. Anderson
and Sub. Lt. Ogle.

TABLE TO DATE

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Navy	2	2	0	0	63	18	4
Club	1	0	1	0	13	22	0
Army	1	0	1	0	3	41	0
	4	2	2	0	79	79	4

CRICKET SCORES

The Junior Cricket League pro-
gramme was resumed on Saturday
when some surprise results were
recorded, including one amazing
feat, the latter being the dismissal
of the Civil Service eleven for 13
runs by the Club de Releco.

Scores:—

LEAGUE II

Kowloon Cricket Club surpris-
ingly lost to the Indians at King's
Park by seven wickets: K.C.C.
104 (W. L. MacKenzie 23, I. All 6
for 39, K. M. Ramjahn 4 for 44);
I.R.C. 120 for 3 (I. All 55 not out,
M. L. Razack 53).
Club de Releco beat the Civil
Service by 71 runs at King's Park;
Releco 84 (L. G. Gosano 23, J. F.
McGowan 8 for 28); C.S.C.C. 13
(E.A.R. Alves 6 for 2, L.G. Gosano
3 for 8).
Navy beat Army "B" by six wic-
kets at King's Park: Army 117
(Ldg. Tel. Wood 5 for 36); Navy
131 for 5 (L.S.A. Fynn 70 not out).
Police beat the Club by 36 runs;
Police 124; Club 88 (C. Pope 4 for
35, B. G. Baker 4 for 39).
Army "A" and Craigengower
drew in a close game at Soekun-
poo: Army "A" 138 (S.M. North-
cote 41); C.C.C. 129 for 8 (D. Hung
49, G.A. Lee 22; Pte. Hatfield 3 for
18, Sgt. Bloomfield 3 for 11).

FRIENDLIES

Club de Releco beat Craigengower
by two wickets at the Valley;
Craigengower 80 (A.P. Prata 4 for
19); Releco 83 (E.L. Gosano 39).
Hong Kong Cricket Club beat
the Indians by five wickets at Soekun-
poo: I.R.C. 145 (A.R. Abbas 49,
A. Baker 38, S.A. Ismail 20; M.R.
Swain 5 for 41); Club 151 for 6
(L.D. Kilbee 101).
Civil Service beat a team from
the Royal Engineers by six wic-
kets at the Valley; R.E. 122 (Tudor
38, F. Baker 4 for 15); C.S.C.C. 173
for 4 (W.H. College 42, A.E. Perry
50 retired, D. McLellan 43).

INDIAN TEST

Bombay, Dec. 11.

In the Second unofficial test
match between Lord Tennyson's
XI and All-India, which opened
here to-day, the home side were
dismissed for 153, A.R. Gover, the
Surrey fast bowler, taking 5 wic-
kets for 48 runs. Tennyson's XI
had scored 52 without loss, at the
close of play.

Reuter.

The Windsor Town Council has
decided that the hundreds of
pigeons which are to be seen
daily on Castle Hill, Windsor, and
on the embankment in front of
the Guildhall are to be destroyed.

HOME FOOTBALL
RESULTS

London, Dec. 11.
The following are the results of
Home football matches played to-
day:—

FIRST DIVISION

Arsenal	2	Preston	0
Blackpool	2	Grimsby	2
Bolton	0	Liverpool	0
Brentford	1	Leeds	1
Derby	4	Chelsea	0
Everton	1	Birmingham	1
Huddersfield	2	West. Brom.	1
Leicester	2	Stoke	0
*Manchester C.	v	Charlton	0
Sunderland	0	Portsmouth	2
*Wolves	v	Middlesbro	0

*Postponed, ground waterlogged.
†Postponed, ground unfit.

SECOND DIVISION

Aston Villa	7	Stockport	1
Blackburn	3	Burnley	3
Bradford	4	*Chester U.	0
*Chesterfield	1	Newcastle	0
Fulham	3	Coventry	4
Norwich	1	Barnsley	0
Plymouth	1	Notts F.	0
Wednesday	2	Bury	0
Southampton	2	Tottenham	1
Swansea	1	Luton	1
West Ham	0	Sheffield U.	2

* When abandoned after 75
minutes owing to light.

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

Notts C.	5	Northampton	0
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THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)

Darlington	2	Rochdale	4
Oldham	3	Chester	2

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

FIRST DIVISION

Aberdeen	2	Queen's O'S	3
Ayr	2	Falkirk	3
*Celtic	-	Dundee	-
*Hamilton	-	Clyde	-
Hearts	4	Arbroath	1
Morton	4	Kilmarnock	2
Rangers	2	Queen's Park	1
*St. J'stone	-	Partick	-
St. Mirren	1	Hibernian	0
Third Lanark	5	Motherwell	3

*Postponed owing to snow.

SECOND DIVISION

East Fife	13	Edinburgh	2
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All other Scottish Second Divi-
sion matches were postponed owing
to snow.

F.A. CUP (SECOND ROUND)

Scarborough	4	Bromley	1
Wrexham	1	Bradford City	2
Cardiff	1	Bristol C.	1
Rotherham	1	Aldershot	3
Doncaster	4	Guildford	0
Clapton O.	2	York	2
Yeovil & Potters	2	Trinity	1
Exeter	1	Hull	2
S. Liverpool	1	Brighton	1
Newport	2	Bournemouth	1
Tranmere	3	Hartlepool	1
*Mansfield	1	Lincoln	2
Tranmere	3	Hartlepool	1
Accrington	0	Crystal P.	1
*Crewe	1	New Brighton	0
Wattford	3	Walsall	0
Walthamstow	0	Southend	1
Swindon	2	Queen's P.R.	1

* When abandoned after 62
minutes owing to the light.

† When abandoned after 84
minutes owing to the light.

The F.A. Cup is being made on
the draw for the third round of
December 13.—Reuter.

PLYMOUTH
ARGYLE

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Plymouth Argyle..... 2
Sheffield U. 0
After two disappointing months,
during which they degenerated into
a poor and disheartened side,
Plymouth Argyle won their first
match since their opening game
in a decisive manner.
They took 10 minutes to settle
down, but once they had lost the
inferiority complex so evident in
recent games, they played with
the confidence and polish of
League leaders.

The principal factor in this
metamorphosis was probably the
introduction of two new players,
Clark and Bourton, transferred
during the last 10 days from Sun-
derland and Coventry at a cost of
something like £8,000. Clark, at
centre-half, looked after Dodds so
efficiently that not once could the
Sheffield leader get in a shot.
Bourton, at centre-forward, was
not only a quick-thinking leader
but an inspiration to forwards who
needed inspiring so badly.

It was not until the second half
that Argyle's strenuous efforts to
outwit the brilliant defence main-
tained by Hooper and Cox suc-
ceeded. Then Wright forced his
way through for the first goal,
and in the last minute Vidler, the
hardest worker on the field, scored
from a pass from Bourton.

LOCAL FOOTBALL RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION

Middlesex	6	Club	0
Watson, Brittain, Pearson 2.			
Saw, Grogan.			
Kowloon	2	Seaforths	3
Bliss, Knox D.		McKusker, Fraser, Dunnachie.	
South China "B"	3	Police	1
Chan Tak-fai, Yeung Shul- yick 2.		Howlett.	

SECOND DIVISION

Seaforths	3	Club	2
Samson 2, McAloon.		Sloan, Wilson.	
Kowloon	0	Kwong Wah	8
		Chin Chi-fun 3, da Rocha 2.	
South China	4	Lau Wing-kul.	1
Yau Wa-hing, Chen Wing-hing.		Police (Chinese)	
Li Wing-on, Lau Fook-chuen.		Wong Mau-wai.	
Middlesex	2	Eastern	0
Marables, Tait.			

THIRD DIVISION (HONG KONG)

R.A. Stanley	5	Police	0
Roche 2, Burrows 2, Freer.			
R.A.S.C.	v	Engineers	
Postponed.			

THIRD DIVISION (KOWLOON)

Kumaon Rifles	1	24th Bty. R.A.	2
Partap Singh.		Findlay, Hill.	
Seaforths	0	R.A.F.	1
		Allen.	
Portuguese S.A.	5	20th Bty. R.A.	1
Lawrence 2, Gaan 2, Santos H.		MacAndrew.	

SHANGHAI RACE
RESULTS

Shanghai, Dec. 11.
The following are the results of
the fifth day's races of the Autumn
meeting which is being held by the
Shanghai Race Club:

Consolation Cup (Section One).

Nine furlongs.	
V. E. R. Eye's Magic Eve	(Maitland) 1
Winsome and Hasty's Windsor	(Needa) 2
Manx's Moutahua (Encarnacao) 3	
Time: 2 mins. 20 secs.	

Consolation Cup (Section Two).

Nine furlongs.	
China's New General	(T. L. Wong) 1
Cire's Cotton Light (Gram) 2	
Cire's Foggy Light (Raymond) 3	
Time: 2 mins. 21 2/5 secs.	

Lo Yang Chiao Cup. Seven fur-

longs.

G. Shaw's Fairy Starling

(Wong) 1

Ment's Mayorship (Lok) 2

Hawk's Merry Pilot (Wack) 3

Time: 1 min. 43 3/5 secs.

Ling Sung Chiao Cup. Nine fur-

longs.

Bellenden's The Fledgling

(Needa) 1

Snack's Sundridge Park

(Striker) 2

A. S. Henchman's Port Marnock

(Renner) 3

Time: 2 mins. 23 3/5 secs.

Chun Cheng Chiao Plate. One

mile.

Sing Foong's Dow Jones

(Encarnacao) 1

Whyte Leaf's Don Augustin

(Wade) 2

Winsome and Hasty's Thesgan

(Needa) 3

Time: 2 mins. 7 secs.

Shaforce Challenge Cup. One

and a quarter miles.

Morn's Radiant Morn

(Marshall) 1

D. J's. Water-Looby (Jack) 2

Morn's Naming Morn

(Pote Hunt) 3

Time: 2 mins. 34 4/5 secs.

Midoo Chiao Cup. One and a

quarter miles.

Do's Merry Ramos (Bell) 1

Snack's Sundridge Park

(Striker) 2

The Farmer's Pharos (Jack) 3

Time: 2 mins. 42 secs.

Lukou Chiao Handicap. Nine fur-

longs.

G. J. Mary's Ununun (Wade) 1

H. M. Hind's Experience

(Pote Hunt) 2

Hard's Wolfentels (Cumine) 3

Time: 2 mins. 24 2/5 secs.

CHAMPION'S SWEETSTAKE

First Prize No. 5804.

Second Prize No. 12494.

Third Prize No. 6777.

Reuter.

CROSS-COUNTRY
RACE

London, Dec. 12.

In the inter-varsity cross coun-
try race over seven miles, Cam-
bridge beat Oxford by 54 points to
44.

E. C. Weir, the Cambridge cap-
tain, was first home, his time be-
ing 43 minutes 13 seconds. Snow
generally interfered with sport,
causing the postponement of sev-
eral football and Rugby matches.—
Reuter.

The Annual Children's Sports
and Christmas Party of the Kow-
loon Bowling Green Club, held in
fine weather on Saturday, was a
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DAILY SHARE QUOTATIONS

Hong Kong Stock Exchange				Sharebrokers' Association			
Sales	Buyers	Share	Share	Sales	Buyers	Share	Share
SATURDAY, DEC. 11.							
Banks							
\$1,000	1505/10	H.K. Banks	\$1,510				
298		Do. (London)	238				
		Chartered Bank	218				
		Mercantile Bk. S.A.	232				
		Do.	216				
		Bank of East Asia	238				
		N. O. & S. Bank	232				
Insurance							
		Caution Insurance	\$270				
		Union Insurance	\$215				
		Underwriters	11				
		H.K. Fire	\$240				
		International Assurance					
Shipping							
		Dongas	\$48				
		Seamaster	15				
		Indo-China (pref.)	\$51				
		Do. (def.)	143				
		Shells	\$5/				
		Waterways	\$9.30				
Mining							
		Kailans	18/9				
		Goats	15/30				
		Venezuela Gold Flds.	\$4				
		Ducks, Wharves, Gudowns, etc.					
		H.K. & K. Wharves	\$118				
		Providence (old)	\$2.05				
		Do. (new) 25 cts.	\$2.05				
		H.K. & W. Docks	\$81				
		Shanghai Docks S.	\$100				
		New Engineering S.	13				
Lands, Hotels, and Buildings							
		H.K. Hotels	\$5.15				
		H.K. Lands	\$102				
		Do. 4% Debentures					
		Shanghai Lands S.					
		Metropolitan Lands					
		H.K. Real Estate	\$4.75				
		China Do.					
		Do. Debentures					
		Humphreys	\$8.40				
		Chinese Estates					
Cotton Mills							
		Ecos	\$131				
		Shan Cotton Mills S.	\$79				
		Do. (new) S.					
		Zhong Sing	\$34				
		Wing On Textiles S.	\$40				
		Eco Cotton Rts. S.					
Public Utilities							
		Tramways	\$13.15				
		Peak Tram (old)	161				
		Do. (new)	\$10				
		Star Ferries	181				
		Yamato Ferries	\$1.40				
		China Lights (old)	CA				
		Do. (new)	11.20				
		Do. Rts.	\$51				
		H.K. Electric					
		Macao do.					
		Sandakan Lights	281				
		Telephones (old)	\$9				
		Do. (new)					
		China Buses	22/6				
		Tramways					
		Do. (pref.)					
Industries							
		Coldbeck, Ltd. S.	\$1.70				
		Macgregor (pref.) S.					
		China Ice	\$12.85				
		Concrete					
		Koway	\$3.80				
Miscellaneous							
		Dairy Farms	\$24				
		Ch. E. Investments	\$5				
		Constructions (old)	\$11				
		Do. (new)					
		Lane Crawford	\$71				
		Nanyang Tobacco	\$41				
		Sincere	\$1.80				
		Watsons	\$41				
		S. O. Enterprises					
		Ch. G. 5 1/2% G. 2 Bds.	73 1/2				
		H.K. Govt. 4 1/2% Loans	\$104				
		Do. 3 1/2%	\$101 1/2				
		Wallace Harper	\$40				
		H.K. Wing On	\$54				
		Shai Do	\$54				
		Vibro Piling	\$6				
		Masamans L. v. (H.K.)					
		Wm. Powells	75 cts.				

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

(British Wireless Service)		Dec. 9	Dec. 10
Paris	147-7/64	147-5/64	
Geneva		121.607	
Berlin	12.392	12.40	
Athens		95-3/16	
Milan		19.40	
Copenhagen		4.99	
Stockholm		8.98-9/16	
Shanghai			
New York	4.99-11/16	4.99	
Amsterdam			
Vienna			
Prague	142 1/2		
Madrid			
Lisbon			
Hong Kong			
Bombay			
Montreal	4.99	181	
Brussels	29.392	29.302	
Yokohama			
Belgrade			
Monte Video			
Rio		2-41/64	
Bucharest			
Silver (Forward)	18-11/16	4.99	
Silver (Spot)	18	18-13/16	
War Loan	3 1/2 101 1/2		

Closing Quotations

December 11, 1937.		On New York:
On London:		Bank Bills, on demand 30 15/16
Telegraphic Transfer	1 1/2	Credit, 60 days' sight 31 7/16
Bank Bills, on demand		On Batavia:
Credit, four months' sight	1 1/2	On demand 55 1/2
On Shanghai:		On Paris:
On demand 104 1/2		Bank Bills, on demand 910
On Singapore:		Credit, 4 months' sight 970
On demand 52 1/2		On Batavia:
On Java:		On demand 90 1/2
On demand 108 1/2		On Manila:
On India:		On demand 61 1/2
Telegraphic Transfer	1 1/2	On Bangkok:
Bank, on demand		On demand 149 1/2
		Sovereigns Bank Buying
		Rate 1/31/32
		Bas. R. 1/31/32

THE SHARE MARKET

Harriman's Weekly Report

Saturday, Dec. 10.
Messrs. G.A. Harriman and Co.'s weekly share report and market review issued on Friday night states:

It is still very quiet in the local market with business at a low ebb, which in view of the tense situation in North China could hardly be expected to be otherwise. Overseas markets are also in the doldrums for shares and stock markets take a back seat when other and more sensational matters distract public attention.

Fair business has been passing in utility stocks at slightly declining rates. Hong Kong Electric came on offer from \$55 down to \$53 1/2. Telephone (old) are lower at \$26 1/2 and the "New" at \$9 sales. Star Ferries slipped to \$80 business done, and Yumatis are on offer at \$25. The China Light annual profits are slightly below those of last year, but the dividend is maintained at 50 cts (10 per cent). The company proposes to issue the balance of its unissued capital, viz 200,000 shares, at par to shareholders in the proportion of 1 share to 9. Publication of these particulars caused a slightly easier market for the old shares, down to \$11 1/2 and the New to \$11.05 cum all. The "rights" are bid for at \$5 1/2.

The buying rate for Sandakan Lights has been raised to \$141, without any sales eventuating. Hong Kong Trams have been an easier market, down to \$131. Possibly the feature of a dull week, has been Cements, which on dividend prospects, have firmed to \$12.85, sales.

Dairies eased to \$24 and Watson are \$41. William Powells are higher at 75 cts, and China Entertainments, on good business, have risen to \$5 buyers, Marsman Hong Kong are a quite nominal market, either side of 4/6.

Hong Kong Banks continue to fluctuate and see-saw in price, sympathetic with the tone of the war, and political news from the North. The current rate is about \$1525, after transactions down to \$1490. Unions are wanted at \$575, and there are also buyers for Canton Firms near \$270. Hong Kong Firms however are available \$245.

There are small buyers of Douglas S.S. at near \$481. Docks have eased to \$28 after sales higher and Providents came down to \$2.02 1/2 and the "new" to 25 cts.

Hotels were dealt in at \$5.20 and Lands at \$31 1/2. The Manila market doesn't appear to have a kick left in it, and it may be some consolation to us here to know, that if business is quiet in Hong Kong, it is stagnant in Manila.

However there are a few hopeful ones abroad, wishing to buy Antamoks around 80 cts, San, Mauricos at about the same and Consolidated Mines at something over 2 cents.

THE EXCHANGE MARKET

MESSRS. ROZA BROS.

Silver prices were unchanged yesterday, the quotations remaining at 18 15/16 and 18 11/16 respectively. Silver advices reported the market as being steady with small bear covering. Speculators operated both ways. India. After the official fixing America bought whilst India and speculators sold. American Silver was quoted at 44 1/2 for Spot.

The London/New York cross rate was quoted at 499.97. New York/London was quoted at 500-1/16.

MARKET

Nothing doing. There were small sellers at 1/3 December and 1/2 31/32 January/March, buyers at 1/3 1/32 Cash/January and 1/3 February/March.

U.S. DOLLARS
There were sellers at 31 1/4 December, 31 3/16 January/February, and 31 1/8 March, buyers at 31 5/16 Cash, 31 1/4 January/February and 31 3/16 March. No transactions were reported.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS
Sellers at 105 3/4, buyers at 105 7/8 for Spot.

SHANGHAI MARKET
There were sellers of Sterling at 1/2 3/16, buyers probably at 1/2 13/64 for Spot. U.S. Dollars, sellers at 29 9/16, buyers at 29 5/8 for Spot. Quiet.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

(Through Renter's Service)

QUOTATIONS

New York, December 12.

	High	Low	Close	Change
New York/London Cross-rate	8.13	8.07	8.13	1/4 off
New York Cotton—Mar.	15.73	15.62	15.62	1/4 off
New York Rubber—May	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	1/4 off
Chicago Wheat—May	58 1/2	58 1/2	58 1/2	1/4 off
Chicago Corn—May	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	1/4 off
Winnipeg Wheat—May	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	1/4 off
Silver—Official				unqu d

	High	Low	Dow Jones Average	Dec. 11	High	Low	Close	Change
184.40	113.04	30	Industrial	126.72	127.31	126.83	11	up
84.48	39.16	30	Rail	34.17	32.10	32.36	19	up
37.74	18.54	30	Utilities	21.88	21.87	21.87	01	off
10.89	91.54	30	Bonds	93.68	93.68	93.68	00	off
82.44	82.03	11	Commodity Index	63.72	63.72	63.72	00	off

Business Done: 390,000 shares.

Stocks	Dec. 10	11	Stocks	Dec. 10	11
Adams Express	91	91	Great Northern Ry.	25 1/2	26
Allis Chalmers	45 1/2	45 1/2	Great Western Sugar	29 1/2	29 1/2
Amer. Can.	79	78 1/2	Holly Sugar Corp.	—	—
Amer. Car & Foundry	—	—	Humble Oil	62	62 1/2
Amer. Cyanamid	23 1/2	23 1/2	Int. Nickel	43 1/2	44
Amer. & For. Power	4 1/2	4 1/2	Int. Tel. & Tel.	8	8
Amer. & For. 37 pt.	21 1/2	22 1/2	Int. Dept. Stores	12	11 1/2
Amer. Locomotive	22 1/2	22 1/2	Kennecott Copper	37 1/2	37 1/2
Amer. Metals	30 1/2	30 1/2	Lambert Corp.	14	14 1/2
Amer. Radiator	13 1/2	13 1/2	Loew's Inc.	48 1/2	49
Amer. Rolling Mill	21 1/2	20 1/2	Lorillard	16 1/2	16 1/2
Amer. Smelting	49	48 1/2	McIntyre Porcupine	—	—
Amer. Steel F'dries	26	26 1/2	McKesson & Robbins	15 1/2	17 1/2
Amer. Sugar	150	149 1/2	Monsanto Chemical	85	82 1/2
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	65 1/2	65	Montgomery Ward	34 1/2	34 1/2
Amer. Tobacco "B"	133	133	Murray Corp.	—	—
Amer. Waterworks	32 1/2	31 1/2	Nat. Cash Register	17	17 1/2
Ammonia Copper	32 1/2	31 1/2	Nat. Dairy Products	14 1/2	14 1/2
Atchafalpa T. & S. Fe.	40 1/2	41 1/2	Nat. Distillers	22 1/2	22 1/2
Atlantic Refining	8	7 1/2	Nat. Power & Light	8 1/2	8 1/2
Atlas Corp.	6 1/2	7	New York Central	10 1/2	10 1/2
Auburn Motors	—	—	Niagara Hudson P. Corp.	—	—
Baldwin Locomotive	7 1/2	7 1/2	North American	8	8 1/2
\$7 cum. pt.	—	—	Northern Pacific	7 1/2	8 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	12 1/2	12 1/2	Pacific Gas & Elec.	13 1/2	13 1/2
Barnes Oil	14	14 1/2	Pacific Gas & Elec.	25 1/2	26 1/2
Bendix Aviation	—	—	Pacific Lighting	38	37 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	55 1/2	56 1/2	Packard Motors	38	37 1/2
Boeing Airplane	26 1/2	26 1/2	Paramount	4 1/2	4 1/2
Borden Co.	20 1/2	17 1/2	Paramount	11 1/2	11 1/2
Briggs Manufacturing	24 1/2	24 1/2	Pennsylvania R.R.	23	22 1/2
Brooklyn-Manhattan	—	—	Phelps Dodge	—	—
Trans.	10	9 1/2	Phillips Petroleum	39 1/2	40 1/2
Brooklyn-Manhattan	32	31 1/2	Public Service of N.J.	34 1/2	34 1/2
\$6 cum. pt.	—	—	Pullman Inc.	—	—
Case, J.I.	95	95 1/2	Pure Oil	11 1/2	11 1/2
Canadian Pacific	8 1/2	8 1/2	Radio Corp. of Am.	6 1/2	6 1/2
Celanese Corp. of America	15 1/2	15 1/2	Republic Steel	18 1/2	18 1/2
Cerro de Pasco	41 1/2	40 1/2	Reynolds Tobac. "B"	41 1/2	41 1/2
Certain-Tied Products	—	—	St. Joseph Lead Co.	—	—
Chesapeake Corp.	45 1/2	47 1/2	Schenley	28 1/2	28 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio	38 1/2	38 1/2	Schenley 5 1/2 pt.	75 1/2	76
Chrysler Corp.	56 1/2	56 1/2	Sears Roebuck	57 1/2	58 1/2
Columbia Gas & El.	9 1/2	9 1/2	Shell Union Oil	16 1/2	16 1/2
Columbia 6% "A" pt.	79	77 1/2	Socony-Vacuum	15	15 1/2
Commercial Credit	38 1/2	38 1/2	Southern Cal Edison	21	21 1/2
Commercial Solvents	8	7 1/2	Southern Pacific	22 1/2	22 1/2
Commonwealth & S.	2	2 1/2	Southern Ry 5% pt.	14	14 1/2
Commonwealth \$6 cum. pt.	42	42	Stand Brands	8 1/2	8 1/2
Consolidated Edison	25	24 1/2	Stand Gas & Elec.	5 1/2	5 1/2
Consolidated Oil	94	94	Stand Gas & Elec. \$7 pt.	26 1/2	26 1/2
Continental Oil	30 1/2	31 1/2	Standard Oil of N.J.	44 1/2	44 1/2
Corn. Products	63 1/2	63 1/2	Stearns Products	57 1/2	57 1/2
Curtiss Wright ("C")	31	32	Swift International	23 1/2	23 1/2
Curtiss Wright ("A")	13 1/2	13 1/2	Technicolor	18 1/2	18 1/2
Delaware & Hudson	17 1/2	17 1/2	Texas Gulf Sulphur	29 1/2	29 1/2
Del. Lackawanna & Western	8 1/2	8 1/2	Tidewater Assoc. Oil	15 1/2	15 1/2
Distillers Corp. Sea-grams	15 1/2	15 1/2	Timken-Detroit Axle	—	—
Douglas Aircraft	36 1/2	38 1/2	Transamerica	11	11 1/2
Du Pont	116 1/2	115 1/2	20th Cent. Fox Films	21 1/2	21 1/2
Electric Boat	61 1/2	61 1/2	20th Cent. Fox Films pt.	27 1/2	27 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share	11	11	Un. Carbide & Carbon	75	75
Elec. Bond & Share \$5 pt.	52 1/2	52 1/2	Un. Pacific	87	87
Elec. Bond & Share \$8 pt.	58 1/2	59 1/2	United Aircraft	22	22 1/2
Elec. Power & Light	13 1/2	13 1/2	Un. Airline Trans- port	8	8
Elec. Power & Light \$7 pt.	46 1/2	45 1/2	United Corp.	31	31
Firestone Tire & R. Flintkote	17 1/2	17 1/2	United Corp. \$3 cum. pt.	32 1/2	32 1/2
Gen. Asphalt	—	—	Un. Gas Improv'm't Un. Light & power "A"	10 1/2	10 1/2
Gen. Clgar	22 1/2	22	U.S. Industrial Alco- hol	3 1/2	3 1/2
Gen. Electric	24 1/2	24 1/2	U.S. Rubber	21 1/2	21 1/2
Gen. Foods	43	43 1/2	U.S. Rubber \$8 pt.	27 1/2	27 1/2
Gen. Motors	31 1/2	31 1/2	U.S. Steel	56 1/2	56 1/2
Gen. Railway Signal	34 1/2	34 1/2	Vanadium	16 1/2	16 1/2
Gillette Safety Razor	23	23 1/2	Warner Bros. Pict.	7 1/2	7 1/2
Gillette	28	25 1/2	Westinghouse Elec.	10 1/2	10 1/2
Gold Dust	30	29 1/2	Yeastinghouse & Tube	39 1/2	39 1/2
Goodrich (B.F.)	17 1/2	17 1/2	Chase National Bk.	30 1/2	30 1/2
Goodrich \$5 pt.	55 1/2	55	National City Bank	26 1/2	26 1/2
Goodrich	20 1/2	21	Call Money	1 1/2	1 1/2

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2nd Dec.

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ARRIVED HONG KONG ON SUNDAY, THE 12TH DEC., 1937.

CONSIGNEES are hereby informed that their goods with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed & stored into the Godowns of the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

All claims must be sent in to us on or before the 22nd December, 1937, or they will not be recognized.

Damaged Packages will be examined by the Company's Surveyor, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas in the presence of the Consignees at 10.00 a.m. on Saturday, the 13th Dec., 1937.

Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when any dutiable goods are examined by the Company's Surveyors.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

MESSAGERIES MARITIMES CO. Hong Kong, 12th Dec., 1937. [5814]

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD BREMEN.

THE S.S. "SCHARNHORST"

having arrived from BREMEN, HAMBURG and Ports, consignees of cargo are hereby notified that their cargo is being landed & placed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, where delivery may be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

Optional Cargo will not be landed here, unless Notice has been given 48 hours prior to vessel's arrival, but carried on from port to port to the final port of call to which the option extends.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 18th Dec., 1937, will be subject to rent.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godown for examination by the Consignees and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas, at 10 a.m. on the 18th Dec., 1937.

Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined by the Company's Surveyors.

No claim will be admitted after the goods have left the Godown and all claims must be presented within Two Weeks of the ship's arrival here, after which date they will not be recognized.

Consignees are requested to surrender their Bills of Lading to the undersigned for countersignature.

MELOERS & CO., Agents.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN. Hong Kong, 9th Dec., 1937. [5804]

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD BREMEN.

THE Motor ship "TRAVER"

having arrived from BREMEN, HAMBURG and Ports, Consignees of cargo are hereby notified that their cargo is being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, where delivery may be obtained.

All Goods remaining undelivered after the 20th Dec., 1937, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godown for examination by the Consignees and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas, at 10 a.m. on the 18th Dec., 1937.

Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined by the Company's Surveyors.

No claim will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown and all claims must be presented within Two Weeks of the Ship's arrival here, after which date they will not be recognized.

Consignees are requested to surrender their Bills of Lading to the undersigned for countersignature.

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NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN. Hong Kong, 13th Dec., 1937. [5813]

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

THE S.S. "HINDENBURG"

having arrived from Hamburg and Ports of call, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed & placed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, where delivery may be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Cargo will not be landed here, unless Notice has been given 48 hours prior to Vessel's arrival, but carried on from port to port to the final port of call to which the option extends.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 18th Dec., 1937, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on 17th Dec., 1937, at 10 a.m., by our Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

All Claims must reach us before the 11th Jan., 1938, or they will not be recognized.

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Hong Kong, 11th Dec., 1937. [5807]

AMBITIOUS JAPANESE LEADERS

Tokyo, Dec. 11.

Hitherto the scope of Japan's economic plans on the Asiatic continent have been confined to North China, but "due to the fall of Nanking," the views of leading financiers, business-men and industrialists have undergone a sweeping change.

They are now apparently inclined to believe that plans must be drawn up covering the whole of North, Central and South China, declares the semi-official "Japan Times."

The Journal adds that Japanese business leaders are seriously thinking out plans for reconstruction of Chinese currency, transportation, communications, aviation and navigation systems, which are fundamental factors in China's economic structure.

The chairman of the Mitsubishi interests points out that the immediate question of grave importance is what will become of the Chinese national currency.

Meanwhile, financial circles voice the hope of co-operation with a new China "divorced of anti-Japanism and pro-Communism."

Mr. Chokuro Kadono, chairman of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry, says that Japan must pay serious attention to the future attitude of China and also that of other foreign Powers.

Baron Goh, chairman of the Japan Economic Federation, says the future problem of special importance is the economic development of North China.—*Reuter*.

DUISBURG LOSES PROPELLER

London, Dec. 11.

The German vessel "Duisburg," of the Hamburg-Amerika Line, arrived at Suez to-day having lost a propeller blade.

Two thousand tons of general cargo on board, including 1,200 tons consigned to Malaya, is being shipped to the steamer "Tirpitz".—*Reuter*.

H. K. STOCK EXCHANGE

SATURDAY'S OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS

The market was very quiet.

BUYERS

Hong Kong Bank, \$1500.
Union Ins., \$515.
Douglases, \$481.
Providents (Old), \$2.
H. & S. Hotels, \$5.20.
Star Ferries, \$80.
China Lights (Old), C.R. \$114.
China Lights (New), \$11.05.
Sandakan Lights, \$14.
H.K. Electric, \$533.

SELLERS

H.K. Electric, \$533.
Macao Electric, \$20.
Telephones (Old), \$284.
Telephones (New), \$9.30.
Wallace Harpers, \$5.

SALES

Hong Kong Bank, \$1505/1510.
H. & S. Hotels, \$5.20.
H.K. Tramways, \$13.30.
Yau-mat Ferries, \$24.
Sandakan Lights, \$14.
Cements, \$123/85.
China Lights Rights, \$54/30.

FAMOUS HOTEL DESTROYED

Shanghai, Dec. 11.

A message from Nanking states, that the Bridge House Hotel was struck by a shell to-day and set on fire and completely destroyed. The hotel, which is situated near the terminus of the Shanghai-Nanking Railway, is one of the oldest in Nanking.

Many distinguished travellers had stayed at the hotel, the proprietress of which, an Englishwoman named Mrs. C. Sim, evacuated with other Britons on December 9.

It is believed that the Duke of Kent, then Prince George, stayed at the hotel when he visited Nanking while a naval officer on the China Station.—*Reuter*.

2 JAPANESE FLIERS KILLED DURING CANTON-HANKOW LINE RAID

Canton, Dec. 11: An official investigation completed to-night reveals that two Japanese airmen were shot and killed and another taken prisoner when their plane was shot down by Chinese anti-aircraft guns during an air raid this morning along the Canton-Hankow Railway in the vicinity of Yingtak, about 150 kilometres north of Canton.

It is learned that nine planes took part in the raid and in addition to the one machine brought down another plane was seriously damaged by Chinese gunfire but managed to escape.

After attacking the Canton-Hankow line the planes turned south and rained a number of bombs on Tientungwa station on the Canton-Kowloon Railway as well as the village. Reports received here this evening state that scores of houses were razed to the ground while a number of civilians were killed and injured.

Four more planes appeared over both railways again later in the afternoon dropping bombs along a number of stations, including Nganchanau, Kuntien and Nam-kong. No details have been received on the second bombing.—*Central News*.

DEFECTION MOVEMENT AMONG "MANCHUKUO" TROOPS

Linfen, Dec. 11: A defection movement among disgruntled "Manchukuo" irregulars in Chahar and Suiyuan is reported on foot.

These irregular units are said to have long been dissatisfied with the way the Japanese military treat them. With the approach of winter they are left in dire need of food and warm clothing.

Instigated by Chinese volunteers, they are planning to surrender to the Chinese side.—*Central News*.

JAPANESE AT CHIHSHIEN STRENGTHEN DEFENCE

Linfen, Dec. 11: In anticipation of an imminent attack from the Chinese troops which are moving northward from Pingyao the Japanese troops at Chihshien on the Tungpu Railway south of Taiyuan are strengthening their defence works, a military report reaching here to-day states.

Sandbags and barbed-wire barricades have been placed outside the city gates which have been closed as a precautionary measure.

The report adds that there are still about 1,000 Japanese troops in the vicinity of Yutze southeast of Taiyuan.—*Central News*.

NON-RECOGNITION PUT TO THE TEST

Legal Fiction Exploded By Fascist States

SELF-INTEREST OF NATIONS

BY SIM KHIN LIN

After many months of tense expectation and heated discussion, the only tangible fruits of the Sino-Japanese controversy in the League of Nations were the Lytton Report, which condemned the aggression of Japan, and the adoption of a resolution by the Assembly that it was "incumbent upon the Members of the League of Nations not to recognize any situation, treaty or agreement which may be brought about by means contrary to the Covenant of the League of Nations or to the Pact of Paris." As a result, the non-recognition of "Manchukuo" was adopted by non-member states and all member-states, except the small state of Salvador and Japan.

However poor consolation this was to China when compared to her tremendous sacrifice of life and the loss of Manchuria, the non-recognition of "Manchukuo" was a moral sanction against Japan which did not merely remain a verbal condemnation. By the legal fiction was recognized and actually put into practice by the various Governments of the world that, for all international relations, the puppet Government of "Manchukuo" did not exist legally or in fact.

Although non-recognition of "Manchukuo" was all that the self-interest of nations permitted to be done, it expressed the determination of nations to discourage resort to armed force in international relations, and to uphold the solemn obligations of the League of Nations and the Peace Pact of Paris. As such it was a warning to lawless nations who persisted in following a grab-and-take policy in international relations. The non-recognition was therefore an unpleasant thorn in the side of aggressor nations.

ILLICIT PLUNDER

Unfortunately, plucking is all that non-recognition can do, for non-recognition comes in only when the aggressor is in possession of his illicit plunder. At the same time, it is also a confession of inability to deal with a situation created by force, since non-recognition itself implies recognition that solemn obligations have been violated by an existing situation. Seen in this light it may even be said to encourage nations who see in force the key to national expansion.

This inability is further exposed by the recent *de jure* recognition of "Manchukuo" by Italy. The non-recognition of "Manchukuo" was in fact the recognition of a situation, though this was not admitted by a legal fiction. Unluckily for peace-loving nations, dictators see through fiction, but will not stop to play at fiction. The recognition of "Manchukuo" by Italy has torn the veil from the doctrine of non-recognition, and exposed it nakedly as another sanction of international law at the mercy of cold force.

How much longer nations will continue to play at sanctions without being wholeheartedly willing to make national efforts and sacrifices is a question of the future. The immediate problem is that nations to-day dare not, or simply refuse to, face issues which confront them in the present.

A WARNING

When the Anti-Comintern Pact was signed by Germany, Italy, and Japan, it was also, besides its expressed intentions, a diplomatic warning to the world of the close relationship of nations who were determined to use force to open the way for national aspirations. When they shook hands and conferred, the world armed in expectancy, and when they acted, the world hastily continued to arm, and expostulated by appealing to the principles of international law.

HEAVY CASUALTIES IN NANKING FIGHT

Hankow, Dec. 11: Heavy casualties have been sustained by both the Chinese and Japanese sides in the sanguinary engagements around Nanking, according to a report received by a local military organ from Nanking.

Seesaw operations around Chihshien in the east Nanking suburbs resulted in 3,000 Japanese casualties, whilst a heavy toll of lives was paid by the Japanese for their attacks on Kwang-huamen, the southeast gate where the Chinese defenders, taking a commanding position on the top of the city wall, blasted and mowed down large numbers of the advancing Japanese with cannon and machine-gun fire.—*Central News*.

JAPANESE FAIL TO DISLodge CHINESE AT TUNGSHANPAO

Linfen, Dec. 11: Continuing their drive to clear up the Chinese mobile units, the Japanese troops at Shohien outside the Yenmen-kwan Pass are launching fierce attacks on Tungshanpao, a stronghold of Chinese guerrilla troops in north Shanai, but so far the Japanese offensives have not been successful, a report received here states.—*Central News*.

KAISHANCHEN IN SHANAI RETAKEN BY CHINESE

Linfen, Dec. 11: Kaishanchen, a town west of Chiao-cheng on the left bank of the Fen River in Shanai, was retaken by the Chinese troops after a grim battle with a Japanese infantry and cavalry force of 800 men recently, military advice just received here claim.

The Chinese troops attacked the town from two sides and after a nine-hour bloody engagement the Japanese were routed and withdrew to Kwanghingchen, a town nearby.—*Central News*.

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SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"SUZYANG"	On 19th Dec, 10 a.m.
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No. 6 Buoy: Adventure.
No. 7 Buoy: Regent, Rover.
No. 8 Buoy: Duncan.
No. 10 Buoy: Olympus, Rainbow.
No. 13 Buoy: Sandwich, Thracian.

FOREIGN MEN-OF-WAR

Chinese: C.M.C. Cruisers (15), Gunboats (2), Transports (2).

FIRING PRACTICE

A notice has been issued by the Naval Authorities stating that firing practice will be carried out by H.M. Ships on Wednesday, December 15, at Gau Tau Island, (Shek Ngau Chau).

The danger area will extend six miles to the south-east of Gau Tau, the north-east and south-west limits being a line 330 degrees—150 degrees through Mirs Point and Blake Head respectively.

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Chakrang, J.M. & Co., December 22.

Hindenberg, Johnson's, Dec. 15.

Ixon, B. & S., December 16.

Tinsang, J.C.J. Line, Dec. 18/19.

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Antenor, B. & S., January 1.

Kulmerland, Johnson's, January 5.

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Delagoa Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 13.

Dioned, B. & S., December 13.

Bokuyo Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 14.

Hindenberg, Johnson's, December 15.

Ixon, B. & S., December 16.

Kidderpore, P. & O., Dec. 18.

Hokone Maru, N.Y.K., December 17.

Pres. McKinley, A.M. Line, Dec. 17.

Kutsang, J.M. & Co., December 18.

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Kooling.

Hong Kong Maru, O.S.K., December 25.

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Tinsang, J.M. & Co., Dec. 13.

Gustaf Diederichsen, Dec. 15.

Hindenberg, Johnson's, Dec. 15.

Tinsang, J.M. & Co., Dec. 16.

Lewenstein, J.M. & Co., Dec. 17.

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Memnon, B. & S., December 19.

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Pres. Coolidge, Dollar's, December 31.

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Melbourne.

Changtue, B. & S., December 17.

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Sydney.

Atsuta Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 20.

Nankin, E. & A. S.S. Co., January 2.

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Atsuta Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 20.

Townsville.

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Patroclus, B. & S., January 11.

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	Trave	Singapore, Batavia, Colombo	Jan. 8
Manila	Scharnhorst	Manila	Dec. 25
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STALIN CHEERED AT MOSCOW

Great Progress Of Socialism

Moscow, Dec. 12.
M. Stalin, making his first speech on the Soviet elections to a crowded meeting at the Boloi Theatre, eulogised the manner in which the election was being conducted, and referred to the progress made in socialism in Russia in the past ten years.

"Our elections are the only ones in the whole world which are really free and democratic," Stalin continued. "In our country Socialism is not merely being built but has already become part of the life of the people some ten years ago. The question could still be discussed whether socialism could be built in our country or not. Today it is no longer a question for discussions. To-day it is a matter of facts, a matter of real life, a matter of habits that permeate the whole life of the people."

Stalin's arrival on the platform was greeted with prolonged cheering after which he confessed he had no intention to speak but was dragged to the meeting. He is candidate for the supreme Soviet from the Stalin area of Moscow where the meeting was held.

Before Stalin spoke workers, intellectuals and housewives pointed out to the audience the great honour of voting for Stalin.

Every mention of Stalin's name was greeted with applause.

Reuter.

EDUCATION IN MALAYA

Notable Lecture

The Trinity County School had a really good lantern lecture recently when Mr. L. A. S. Jermyn, of the Colonial Education Service of Malaya, addressed an audience of some 250 pupils, old scholars, parents and friends, writes a Home Correspondent.

His lecture, "Malaya in Black and White and in Colour," was illustrated by slides from his own photographs, these proving to be so beautiful that the audience repeatedly burst into applause.

Mr. Jermyn rather astonished his hearers (and, of course, delighted the philatelists) by recounting the geographical make-up of Malaya: (1) the Straits Settlements—a Crown Colony, including Singapore Island; Penang; Malacca; the Dindings; Labuan, etc.; (2) the Federated Malay States of Perak, Pahang, Selangor, Negri Sembilan; (3) the "protected" native States, e.g. Johore, Kelantan, Trengganu, Kedah Perlis; (4) Southern Siam.

The Malacca banyan tree, lotus, ricefield, rubber plantation, water buffalo, etc. came under review, while his personal experiences in educating the native to some European examination standards were a revelation to somewhat parochial minds.

Mr. W. B. Edwards, the geography master, who had arranged the proceedings, was the chairman. He introduced the lecturer as a man who was an authority on education overseas, a traveller, and a lover of youth. Incidentally, he remarked that at his geographical society—one of the school's activities for many years—had been suspended, he welcomed the lecturer on a broader basis.

He read a telegram from our M. P. congratulating the school on its attempt to seek the truth in this way on the Empire.

Councillor Leech (a governor) proposed and the school captains (Robert and Esme Aven) seconded a vote of thanks to the accompaniment of loud and sustained applause. The headmaster afterwards entertained the visitors to light refreshments admirably served by the prefects.

KING'S XMAS BROADCAST

New York, Dec. 12: Arrangements are being made for King George's Christmas broadcast message to be relayed throughout America as has been done on previous Christmas Days here.

Reuter.

MORE ARABS SHOT

Jerusalem, Dec. 12: Two Arabs were shot in Haifa yesterday morning. One, an important landowner, has since died, and the other, who is a Palestine Arab policeman, was not seriously injured. The assailant is believed to be an Arab.

Reuter.



Chinese refugees on Nanking Road

NORTH CHINA WAR

DESTROYERS SUNK

Shanghai, Dec. 12.
Two Japanese destroyers were sunk at Chinkiang yesterday when they struck a mine and four were damaged. The squadron were proceeding up to Nanking to assist in the attack on the former capital.

The explosion was so loud that it was heard miles around Chinkiang.

Japanese warships are steaming up to the Nanking waterfront to cut off communications between the former capital and Pukow.

International News Agency.

HEAVY CIVILIAN CASUALTIES

Nanking, Dec. 12: With Japanese air raids on the city following one after the other in quick succession casualties among the non-combatants at Nanking are mounting hourly, and more and more buildings inside and outside the city are reduced to ruins.

Many bombs landed in the refugee zone, taking heavy toll of lives and blasting large numbers of houses to a shambles. People in the zone are kept in a constant nervous strain by the continuous raids.

Owing to the emergency situation, it is difficult to get exact figures of civilian casualties, but it is believed that they are extremely heavy, both because of the terrific bombardment and because of the poor medical facilities in the zone.

Central News.

JAPANESE BOMBER CRASHES IN FLAMES AT YANGTSEPOO

Hankow, Dec. 11: Whilst taking to the air with two other planes, a Japanese bomber caught fire and crashed at the Japanese aerodrome at Yangtsepoos to the accompaniment of a terrific explosion of the bombs in its rack on the morning of December 8, according to information received in local foreign circles from Shanghai.

Central News.

JUSTIFIED IN FIRING

Nairobi, Dec. 11.
The King's African Rifles were justified in firing during the riot at Isolo, according to the finding of a Ministerial Inquiry which states that but for the firing the loss of life and damage might have been greater.

Reuter.

FRANCO-RUMANIAN RELATIONS

Bucharest, Dec. 12.
The visit of M. Delbos to Rumania ended to-day when he departed for Yugoslavia. The visit is said to have strengthened Franco-Rumanian relations including the permanent co-operation between the General Staffs of the two countries and supplies of the latest type of war materials to Rumania by France. It is understood that Rumania is definitely opposing a revision of treaties.

Reuter.

E.M.A. DORADO

The R. M. A. Dorado which left here for Penang at 9.30 a.m. on Saturday took no less than 353,624 kilos of mail from Hong Kong, an increase over the previous record outward air mail of 50 kilos, and an increase over last week of 58 kilos. The amount which left Hong Kong yesterday was almost as great as the normal amount of mail which arrives from England.

Saturday's plane also took 14,388 kilos of freight.

NANKING ENTRY DENIED

Hankow, Dec. 12: Reports of the entry of Japanese troops into Nanking city were emphatically denied by a spokesman of the Chinese Government in an interview with the Central News Agency late last night.

The spokesman said that a high government official here had just communicated with General Tang Sheng-chi, Garrison Commander of Nanking, by long-distance telephone and had learned the latest situation in Nanking.

According to General Tang, a detachment of Japanese troops did succeed in forcing their way into Kwanghuamen, the south-east gate, after battering several breaches in the city wall with heavy artillery. But they were immediately surrounded by the Chinese troops defending the gate and were practically decimated. About 500 slain Japanese were strewn at the gateway.

BREACHES MENDED

After the repulsion of the invaders, Chinese labour troops, General Tang said, immediately mended the breaches in the city wall and reinforcements were placed at the gate.

General Tang revealed that bitter fighting was still raging around Purple Mountain and Yuhualai, a strategic hill outside Chunghua-men, the south gate, which is famous for its beautiful coloured pebbles.

General Tang said that the morale of the Chinese troops was remarkable, all being determined to fight to the last.

Central News.

WEATHER REPORT

ROYAL OBSERVATORY HONG KONG

10 a.m., Dec. 12.
Barometer (at sea level), 30.03 ins.
Temperature, 66 F.
Humidity, 55 per cent.
Wind Direction, East.
Wind Force (Beaufort), 1.
Temperature; maximum yesterday, 76 F.
Temperature; minimum last night, 59 F.
Rainfall for 24 hours, ending 10th to-day, nil.
Total rainfall since January 1, 81.89.
Against an average of 84.50 ins.
Sunset to-night, 5.40 p.m.
Sunrise to-morrow, 6.54 a.m.
4 p.m., Dec. 12.
Barometer (at sea level), 29.96.
Temperature, 67. Humidity, 70.
Wind Direction, E/S. Wind Force (Beaufort), 4. Maximum temperature, 72. Minimum temperature, 59.
Rainfall, nil.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From December 18 to 19, 1937.

Days of Week	Day of Month	HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
		Time	Height	Time	Height
Mon.	13	04.21	5.1	10.44	3.1
Tues.	14	05.59	6.4	00.37	2.2
Wed.	15	07.29	7.2	11.30	2.3
Thurs.	16	08.13	7.7	12.18	2.3
Fri.	17	09.40	8.3	13.05	3.3
Sat.	18	10.31	8.8	03.53	0.3
Sun.	19	11.17	8.8	14.24	0.3
		22.05	8.7	15.19	0.4

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Air Mail Service to Shanghai is temporarily suspended.

Ordinary air mail letters for Imperial Airways Direct Service to Europe etc., will, until further notice, be closed at Kowloon Post Office and General Post Office 9.00 a.m. on Sundays. Letters for this Service may be posted in the ordinary posting boxes at Kowloon Post Office and General Post Office. They should be clearly marked "By Air Mail" and bear sufficient postage. Insufficiently prepaid letters may be taxed with double the deficiency or forwarded by Steamer Service, at the discretion of the Post Office.

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Letters and Postcards for Europe and South America are forwarded "via Siberia" if so superscribed.

INWARD MAILS

From	Per	Date
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 1st December	Pan-American Airways Plane	13th Dec.
MANILA	Victoria	12th Dec.
SAIGON	Albatross	12th Dec.
AMOI	Albatross	12th Dec.
STRAITS	Delagoa Maru	12th Dec.
JAPAN	Bokyo Maru	12th Dec.
STRAITS	Dionid	12th Dec.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 4th December	Imperial Airways Plane	14th Dec.
JAPAN	Sargatan	14th Dec.
STRAITS	Pan Hui	14th Dec.
JAPAN	Behor	14th Dec.
AMOI	Santhin	15th Dec.
JAPAN and HONGKONG	Jean Laborde	15th Dec.
STRAITS	Kiddapora	15th Dec.
STRAITS	Anking	15th Dec.
U.S.A., HONOLULU, JAPAN & MANILA (San Francisco, 13th November)	Pres. Hoover	16th Dec.
CALCUTTA and STRAITS	Kutai	16th Dec.
AUSTRALIA and MANILA (Vancouver B.C., 27th November)	Gilano Maru	16th Dec.
CANADA, U.S.A., HONOLULU and JAPAN	Emp. of Canada	18th Dec.
JAPAN	Jayora	18th Dec.
STRAITS	Hikone Maru	17th Dec.
JAPAN and FORMOSA	Katori Maru	17th Dec.
JAPAN	Fusak	17th Dec.
MANILA	Adriatic	17th Dec.
U.S.A., HONOLULU and JAPAN (San Francisco, 17th November)	Pres. Pierce	18th Dec.
HAIPHONG	Canton	19th Dec.
STRAITS and MANILA	Mennon	19th Dec.
CALCUTTA and STRAITS	Sirdhana	21st Dec.

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From	Per	Date and Time
SUNDAY		Sunday, 13th.
Shanghai and Japan	Albatross	9.00 AM
Shanghai	Victoria	9.00 PM
MONDAY		Monday, 13th.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A., by the "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 18th Dec.	Pan American Airways Plane	Konstant P.O. Reg. 11th, 5.00 PM Ord. 11th, 5.00 PM G.P.O. Reg. 11th, 5.00 PM Ord. 11th, 5.00 PM
Samahai and Wuchow	Ohung On	8.15 AM
Dairen	Gleniffer	8.30 AM
Watu	Fausang	10.30 AM
Air Mail for North China and Nanking (via Hankow) by the "Eurasia Airways Service" (To further points by surface transport as Services permit).	Eurasia Plane	G.P.O. & K.P.O. Reg. 9.00 AM Ord. 9.30 AM
Kongmoon and Pakhoi via Kongmoon	Tai Lee	11.00 AM
Air Mail for "France Orient Service"—due Marseilles, 26th December.	Jean Laborde	G.P.O. & K.P.O. Reg. 4.30 PM Ord. 5.00 PM
Saigon, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt and EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 10th January 1938	Jean Laborde	G.P.O. & K.P.O. Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM
Japan and EUROPE via Siberia	Delagoa Maru	3.30 PM
TUESDAY		Tuesday, 14th.
Swatow and Shanghai	Tai Lee	8.30 AM
Air Mail for North China, Sian & Nanking (via Hankow) by the "Eurasia Airways Service" (To further points by surface transport as Services permit).	Eurasia Plane	G.P.O. & K.P.O. Reg. 9.00 AM Ord. 9.30 AM
Batavia	Tiataroon	9.30 AM
WEDNESDAY		Wednesday, 15th.
Sandakan and "San Francisco—due San Francisco, 18th January 1938—and EUROPE via Siberia	Tai Seun Hong	8.20 AM
Swatow and Bangkok	Bokyo Maru	10.20 AM
Fort Bayard and Haiphong	Kwaiyang	10.30 AM
	G. Paul Dourner	2.00 PM
THURSDAY		Thursday, 16th.
Swatow	Tingyang	10.30 AM
Dairen and "Canada via Victoria B.C.—due Victoria B.C., 13th Jan. 1938—and "Manila, Makassar and Sourabaya	Izumi	10.30 AM
Manila	Emp. of Canada	3.30 PM
Japan and EUROPE via Siberia	Kiango Maru	6.00 PM
FRIDAY		Friday, 17th.
Hankow	Anking	8.20 AM
Manila, Australia, and New Zealand via Thursday, 18th December	Changta	Par. 9.00 AM Reg. 9.45 AM Ord. 10.30 AM
Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America, "Canada and EUROPE via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 2nd January	Pres. Hoover	Par. 8.00 PM Reg. 4.15 PM Ord. 5.00 PM
Formosa, Japan and EUROPE via Siberia	Hakone Maru	3.30 PM

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